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6th Feb.	MARMORA	10000	.....	.....
13th „	PENINSULAR	5394	INDIA	7911
20th „	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
27th „	ORIENTAL	5294	MOLDAVIA	9777
5th Mar.	PERSIA	7951	ARCADIA	6603
12th „	PENINSULAR	5294	.....	.....
19th „	MACEDONIA	10500	AUSTRALIA	5961
26th „	ORIENTAL	5294	.....	.....
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7558	OCEANA	6619
9th „	PENINSULAR	5294	.....	.....
16th „	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
23rd „	ORIENTAL	5294	MONGOLIA	9650
30th „	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
7th May	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
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28th „	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....

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THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Reay House, Apollo Bunder, opposite the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, best plateware crockery and glassware, ebonized iron-framed cottage piano by Rose and Co., in good order and tone, nearly new, brass weighing chair, fish aquarium, English iron safe with Chubb's lock, English ice box, pictures, lamps, table ornaments carpets, etc., the property of F. GROSS Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Khatao Mansion, Wellington Lines, opposite the Sandstand, the valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood household and office furniture of the latest design, rich crockery and glassware, best electroplatedware, oil paintings and engravings, China Jardineers and wall plates, Ditmar's telescopic lamps, Brussels and Indian carpets, ebonized Grand upright piano, Chubb's deed box, English ice box and copying press; handsome and light rubber-tyred victoria with waler gelding and set of harness, etc., the property of F. HAMILTON GIBBS, Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Linden House, Apollo Bunder, next to Bowen Church, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, rich glassware and crockery, platedware, Persian carpets, old China jars, table ornaments, English 15 days' brass clock, sweet-toned piano by Foundy and Co, cooking stove, medicine chest, English ice-box, lamps, bicycle, nearly new, typewriter by Grandale, &c., the property of Captain COLE.

The property is on view.

IMPORTANT TO CAPITALISTS.

SALE OF VALUABLE BUNGALOW "SOONDER VILLAS," OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AINA MAHEL" ON THE HILL NEAR THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, PAREL.

On SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co, will sell by Public Auction on the premises by order of Mr. Khimjee Assur Veerjee, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Mr. Hussaraj Purmanand the following landed property, viz:—

All that piece or parcel of land, together with the three bungalows, outhouses, and stable standing thereon, admeasuring 11,214 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows, that is to say:—On the east by the property of Wamon Ballaje Agri, on the west by Sewri Road, on the south by Wamon Ballaji Hill and on the north by the Government Hill and registered under Collector's old Nos. 35 and 95 and new survey Nos. 14563 and 14369.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 27th January, 1904.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF LARGE QUANTITY OF YARN AND COTTON IN PROCESS.

On FRIDAY, the 29th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Goculdas Madhowji's Mill, at Foras Road, Tardeo, on account and risk of the Fire Insurance Offices concerned—

A large quantity of yarn No. 40s, 30s, 20s, 10s, and 6s, and cotton in process, damaged by fire and water.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

N.B.—Full particulars as to weight etc., will be given to-morrow.

On SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.,

AT 1-0 P. M.

1 handsome strong glass-fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.

1 handsome strong second-hand victoria, in very good order.

1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram, in very good order.

1 gray Arab, quiet in harness and saddle,

1 bay pony, quiet in harness,

1 Jaffrabad bull strong and healthy, suitable for Commissariat or soda water factory.

1 cart.

BONA-FIDE SALE,

On SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co, are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Chinchpoogly, opposite the Firebrigade Station, and next to the Great Eastern Mill, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved French-polished household furniture, rich glass and crockeryware best platedware, drawing-room sofas and chairs lined velvet, glass door almyras, drawing-room cabinets, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, one sweet-toned mahogany semi-grand piano by Kape, first rate pictures and oleographs, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, 12-light chandeliers, argand lamp globes, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, brass and iron double bedsteads, rich carpets, baba perambulator, a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, &c., &c., the property of AHMED HAJI CASSUM CADWANI, Esq.

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AUCTION SALE OF CAST HORSES.

Under instructions from the Adjutant, 3rd Queen's Own Bombay Light Cavalry, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., sell by Public Auction at their Rooms,

8 cast horses belonging to the 3rd Queen's Own Bombay Light Cavalry, consisting of Arabs, Country-breds and Australians, from 14 to 15 hands, and are mostly broken to harness as well as saddle.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	83⅜	= unchanged
3 do. Rentes	97 3-4	= — 1-4
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	101 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	84 1-2	= do

SILVER—

Spot in London	25 1-2	= — 3-16
2 months hence	25 1-4	= — 1-8
Spot in New York	55	= — 1-4

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25-16	= unchanged
Berlin "	20-49	= + 3-4
New York Demand	4-85	= unchanged

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	= do
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3 1-4	= do
6 " " "	3 1-4	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 1-2	= do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 5-8	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 1-4	= — 1-8
7 day market loans	2 3-4	= unchanged

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £1,000,000.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks D.-J. 9 7-8 = — 1-16. Flat.

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 4 1 1-2 value plus 1-4.

RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore A.-M. Buyers. 33s. 3d. = 1 1-2d.
Brown J.-F. Sellers. 32s. 6d. + 4 1-2d. Firmer.

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold. A.-M. Sellers. 33s. 1 1-2d. = — 4 1-2d. Steady.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 5 1-2 = plus 1-16.
Wheat afloat for U. K., 1,860,000.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed unsettled. Surats quiet. Manchester strong. Total sales, 5,000. Spot 8·18 plus 28. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 1,000. Arrivals closed feverish.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	March-April	April-May
7·99	7·94	7·93	7·91
+ 29	+ 29	+ 29	+ 31
May-June.	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**	
7·90	7·88	7·84	
+ 29	+ 31	+ 33	
Aug.-Sept.	**Sept.-Oct.**		
7·66	7·09		
+ 31	+ 27		

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	29,000
Do. last year	32,000
Exports to Great Britain	11,000
Do. do Continent	32,000
Mid-Uplands	15·25 plus 40
Futures, month of March	15·13 plus 33
Do. do. July	15·43 plus 37

In New Orleans—

Spot	14 7-8 plus 5-16
Futures, month of April	15·47 plus 34
Do. do. July	15·96 plus 35
Tone at close	firm.

SKIN SALES.

Goat skin sales opened to-day quiet and prices easier.

Goat skins offered	1,401,000
Sheep skins offered	320,000

Goat skins 1-2d. to 1d. lower.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 48 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Monday, 25th January, 1904:—

Cotton	27,925 bales.
Wheat	24,380 cwts.
Linseed	1,623 "
Rape, Ral and Mustard	2,864 "
Gingellyseed	11,686 "
Poppyseed	487 "
Groundnuts	4,022 "
Castorseed	1,991 "
Rice	15,742 "
Myrabollams	5,777 "
Cottonseed	7,787 "
Mowrahseed	13 "
Gram	676 "
Jowari	848 "
Maize	5,099 "

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T.T.				1s. 4 1-8d.	
Bank Demand				1s. 4 5-32d.	
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.-le.				1s. 4 3-8d.	
Do	6	do	do	1s. 4 1-2d	
French Francs	3	do	do	171 3-4	
Marks	3	do	do	139 3-4	
Hongkong	30	Days' Sight		129	
Shanghai	30	do	do	179 1-2	
Japan	30	do	do	146 1-2	

Government Paper—3½ per cent. Tone Unsettled.

Cash	Rs. 96·1
1st Settlement 2nd February	" 96·1

Money Market.—Tone steadier.

BANK RATE:

Bank of England since	3rd Sept.	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do 22nd Dec.	6	do.
Bank of Bengal	do 21st Jan.	7	do.
Bank of Madras	do 22nd Jan.	7	do.

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	5	11	6
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	7	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	6	0	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready..	6	0	0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	5	13	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	21	0	0
Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.			
Howree Khandeish ...	32	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	31	0	0
25 per cent. " ...	30	0	0
50 per cent. " ...	28	12	0
Black Kutnee " ...	26	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet.

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs. 29-12
Club No. 1	" 29
Hard Red 50 per cent.	" 23

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone quiet.
Estimated sales ..... 5,000 bales.
Imports 27,000

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar-April.
7·95	7·94	7·93
April-May	**May-June**	**June.-July.**
7·91	7·90	7·87
—1		—1
July.-Aug.	**Aug.-Sept.**	**Sept.-Oct.**
7·84	7·83	7·08
		—1

COTTON—The market is firm and Sutta prices have advanced. There is fair inquiry for ready at steady rates.

The following are the Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	242	227	221	... 25 Jan.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	244	234	...	... do
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	...	244	234	... ... do
Oomrawatee (descriptions)	M.-G. 264	258	...	... do
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	...	242	236 ... do
Jalgaum do.	...	...	245	239 ... do
Khandwa do.	...	265	259	... ... do
Khamgaum fair staple (M.-G.)	}	264	258	... ... do
Karanja do. do.				
Akola do. do.				
Oomras, good staple (M.G.)	273	267	...	... do
Damangaum Poolgaum (MG)	272	268	...	... do
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	274	268	...	... do
Broach (M.-G.)	... 310	...	281	25 March
Do. (M.-G.)	... 307	...	...	25 April
Bhownugger (M.-G.)	... 270	260	...	25 May.
Do. (H.-G)	... 266	256	...	"
Muttia (M. G.)	... 251	241	...	25 March
"	... 250	240	...	25 January
Dharwar (S.-G.)	...	...	...	280 25 May.
Westerns	...	...	...	265 "

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	unsettled
Surats	quiet
Good Bhowngger	6 8-32
The Manchester Market has been	strong
2 1-2 per cent Consols	83
3 per cent Rentes	97 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	104 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	84 1-2
Bar Silver	25 1-2

The sum of about £100,000 has been paid into the Bank of England

MONEY DUE ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

At the High Court yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe heard a suit brought by Lukhumsey Napoo and others against Dewraj Vira and others, in which the plaintiffs claimed to recover monies due on a promissory note executed by the defendants on the 7th September, 1903, for the sum of Rs. 14,794 in favour of the plaintiffs' firm, in respect of dealings between the two firms. The third defendant Vijpal Lukhumsey had signed the note on behalf of defendant's firm and the amount now claimed was the amount found due on an adjustment of accounts. Since the date of the promissory note, a sum of Rs. 946 had been paid by the defendants on account. There was now due the sum of Rs. 14,393, for which a decree was given for the plaintiffs, with interest and costs. Mr. Bahadurji, instructed by Messrs. Malvi, Hiralal, and Mody, appeared for the plaintiffs.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIUM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BURMAH.

DEATH.

COLAH—December 21, at Upper Burmah Post-Town Hispande, Curshedjee Sorabjee Colah son of Sorabjee Byramjee Colah aged (40) years.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BROUCKE—January 19, at Lowrlya, the wife of William Whiffen Broucke, of Chowturwa, Champaran, of a daughter.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 33m. Sun sets, 5h. 50m. High water 5-0m., 0-57a. Low water, 0·2a.

Chamber of Commerce, ballot for election of Deputy Chairman, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Municipal Standing Committee, 3·30 p.m.

Messrs. Treacher and Co., extraordinary general meeting, 4-30 p.m.

Indian Guarantee Association, Oriental Buildings, 5 p.m.

Novelty Theatre, Miss Stanley's Comic Opera and Dramatic Company.

Harmston's Circus.

Warren's American Circus.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The crew of the R. M. S. "Marmora" will give a concert at the Seamen's Institute this evening commencing at 8·30. Admission will be free.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.—A special meeting of the Trustees for the improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Trust, Albert Buildings, Fort, Bombay, the Hon'ble Mr. S. Rebeiro presiding. The meeting was conducted with closed doors for the consideration of certain amendments of the existing Act.

A CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.—Bhumibhai, a Hindu woman aged twenty-two years, while going along Carroll Road towards Elphinstone Road on Monday, was accidentally knocked down and run over by a brougham belonging to a Parsi gentleman. The woman received a fracture of her left leg. She was taken to the J. J. Hospital, where she has been detained.

BOMBAY ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the rooms of the B. B. Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, Bombay, to-day, at 5-30 p.m. The following papers will be read:—"The Genesis Principles and Laws of the Civilization, Progress and Decay of Nations," by Mr. R. K. Dadachanji, B. A., LL.B. and "Bihari Life in Bihari Riddles," by Mr. Sarat Chundra Mitra, M.A., B.L.

MR. DICK'S RETIREMENT.—The "Voice of India" writes:—Mr. J. M. Dick's approaching retirement from the well-known firm of Messrs. Graham & Co. will deprive the mercantile community of Bombay of a shrewd and energetic member and the Chamber of Commerce of a vigilant and public-spirited guide. In many ways and many places has Mr. Dick stood up for the rights of the people and many a citizen will miss his co-operation when he has gone. But Mr. Dick goes home to join the London branch of his firm and his interest in India is thus likely to endure.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Quillimane, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay per s. s. Sultan will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m. to-morrow, the 28th inst. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony, and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this Steamer.—Mails for Singapore, China and Japan, per extra s. s. Hiroshima Maru, will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m. on the 29th instant. Parcel mail for Japan close at 1 p. m. the same day.

MUSIC AT MESSRS. GREEN AND CO.—By kind permission of Captain Bayley, the Band of the 1 23rd Outram's Rifles will play the following programme, under the direction of Mr. M. Fradilis, Bandmaster, commencing at, 7 p. m., to-day:—

Valse	Flower Show ... Coote.
Overture	The Exiles ... Gassner.
Piccolo Solo	Whistling ... Lawton.
Selection	The Rose of Persia ... Sullivan.
Cake Walk	Smoky Mokes ... Holzmann.
Selection	The Medal and the Maid ... Jones.

OFFERING A BRIBE TO A POLICE OFFICER.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Kar sondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Mahibub Ghashi a Mahomedan boarding-house keeper in Chimna Butcher Street, appeared on summons to answer a charge of offering a bribe to Sub Inspector Roberts of the Bombay Police. It appeared that Mr. Roberts had taken out a summons against Karimula Rehimtulla, a servant of the accused, for causing obstruction in a public place. On the 7th instant, the accused went to the Mahar Bowdi Police Station and offered Rs 3 to Mr. Roberts as a gratification to withdraw the case against his servant. The Magistrate convicted the man and sentenced him to one day's imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 75, or in default to undergo six weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

THE FORT WARD ELECTIONS.—A few minutes before the elections closed, at the request of some of the rate-payers of the ward, Mr. James Macdonald, the President of the Corporation, who had come there to give his votes as a rate-payer, garlanded Mr. D. E. Wacha and presented him with a bouquet of flowers stating that he had been informed that he had secured a sufficient number of votes to be returned to the Corporation. He congratulated Mr. Wacha upon the good will and confidence the rate-payers reposed in him. He expressed a hope that Mr. Wacha would continue to occupy the seat for a still longer period with credit to himself and benefit to the Corporation and the city at large. Flowers were showered upon Mr. Wacha, who briefly thanked the rate-payers for their appreciation of his humble services.

SALE INTERRUPTED.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur Mahomed Ali, a sweetmeat seller, was charged at the instance of Inspector Morris with theft of a coat containing a silver watch, a gold chain and gold buttons and rings of the collective value of Rs. 148 the property of one Ahmed Haji Mitha, a resident of Kolsa Maholla. One Chani Rehiman, a Mahomedan was charged with assisting in disposing of stolen property. The complainant missed the property on the morning of the 20th instant and gave information to the Police. On Monday morning the second accused was noticed by the police offering for sale the gold chain for Rs 3 at Null Bazaar and was arrested on suspicion. He made a statement and pointed out the first accused who was then standing close by. He was also taken into custody. The watch and the other articles were recovered from the wife of the first accused. Both the accused were convicted and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

ABUSE OF CHARITY.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Draoup, Sub-Inspector Fuller charged Gadoobai, a Hindu woman, with stealing articles of wearing apparel and cash of the collective value of Rs 30, property of one Akoobai. The evidence showed that about a month ago the accused went to the complainant's house at Dadar and asked for some bread as she was starving. The complainant took pity on her, provided her with some food and also allowed her to stay in the house with her. On the 22nd instant during the absence of the complainant from home, the accused absconded taking with her the property from a box. On making enquiries at the Dadar Railway Station the complainants ascertained that the accused had left for Poona. A complaint was made to the Railway Police, who had the woman arrested at the Karjat Station and brought down to Bombay with the whole of the stolen property with her. The accused stated that the property belonged to her and and not to the complainant. The Magistrate convicted her and sentenced her to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

OBSTRUCTION IN A PUBLIC ROAD.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Hasan charged Pranjivandas Luxmidas and eleven other brokers with causing obstruction in Kalbadevi Road yesterday morning. Mr. Hasan said that under orders from his Inspector he had made special arrangements for the arrest of the accused. There was a small brokers' hall in the locality to which a compound was attached and which could hold about 150 persons. The accused formed a portion of a crowd of persons who were on the road causing obstruction to the traffic. When the police went there they decamped into a lane close by, but the party of policemen under him succeeded in arresting them. Mr. Velinker, pleader, who appeared for the second accused said his client lived in the locality, but carried on his business in the Fort. He urged that the accused before the Court did not seem to belong to the rowdy class of brokers. He submitted that perhaps a warning given to them at this time would serve the ends of justice, and trusted the publication of the case in the newspapers would serve as a deterrent to others of the accused's class. His Worship remarked he did not want to choke business and hurt the accused. At the same time he wished it to be understood that the roads were not intended for doing business in, but they were intended for passers by. As that was the first case from the district he would not fine the accused, but at the same time he wished them to understand that they should rather help the police in keeping the roads clear. They should do whatever business they had to transact in a legitimate manner so as not to come into the road and interfere with the traffic. The accused were warned and discharged.

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ADMIRALTY SUIT.

CLAIM FOR BAGS OF WHEAT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, presiding at the High Court yesterday, heard the suit instituted by the Bombay Flour Mills Company against the S. S. "Aarvak," in which the plaintiffs prayed that the defendants might be ordered to deliver to them 3,000 bags of wheat free from any lien or claim for freight, for damages and for the appointment of a receiver. The Hon. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Noble, for the defendants.

The plaintiffs are a joint-stock company doing business by their agents Messrs. Volkart Brothers and the defendants are the owners of the S. S. "Aarvak," which sails under the Norwegian flag. In July, 1902, Messrs Volkart Brothers shipped on account of the plaintiffs 3 000 bags of wheat at Karachi on board the vessel and received a bill-of-lading signed by Thakurdas Fatehchand and Brothers as agents of the charterers. The bill-of-lading was endorsed in blank by Messrs. Volkart Brothers in Karachi and sent to the plaintiffs in Bombay. On the arrival of the vessel in Bombay the plaintiffs presented the bill-of-lading and received a delivery order for the goods. Plaintiffs demanded delivery from the master of the vessel and subsequently from Chunilal Maganlal and Co., Bombay agents of the charterers, but they had failed to deliver the same. Plaintiffs had paid the freight and the wheat was valued at Rs. 20,082. They were informed that the master of the vessel had refused to deliver the goods, because the defendants claimed a lien on the cargo on account of hire due to them by the charterers under a charter party. Plaintiffs claimed that the master of the vessel and the defendants had no lien in respect of any hire alleged to be due to the defendants by the charterers, and that the refusal of the defendants, under the circumstances, was a breach of duty on the part of the owners and master of the vessel.

The defendants stated that by a charter-party of November, 1901, the vessel was let on hire to Messrs. Mahomed Ghose Maricar and Co., of Negapatam, and it was duly placed at the disposal of the charterers in February last. In July, 1902, the goods claimed by the plaintiffs were loaded as cargo on board the vessel by order of the charterers at Karachi, and the shippers had notice that the vessel was a chartered vessel, under the said charter party. The bills-of-lading were signed by Thakurdas Fatbechand and Brothers who were therein described as the agents of the charterers. The defendants denied that the master of the vessel received the goods to be carried in the terms of the bill-of-lading. There was then due by the charterers a sum of £1,000 to the owners, and that sum had increased to £1,500 at the time of the filing of the suit. The defendants submitted that under the charter party and under the circumstances they had a lien on the goods claimed, and they were entitled to refuse to give delivery until the charter freight was paid. They denied that there had been any breach of the duty or of any contract on the part of the owners. Under the circumstances they submitted that the suit should be dismissed with costs.

Evidence in the case was proceeded with during the day.

SUIT AGAINST A MILL COMPANY.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe, presiding at the High Court yesterday, heard the suit brought by Sir Jehangir Cowasji Jehangir, against the Hope Mills Company and others in which the plaintiff claimed to recover £34,122-18-4 and a sum of Rs. 1,425 due on a mortgage of the mills. They are now in the possession of the plaintiff, who is working them under an agreement. The second and third defendants were the agents of the mills, who were personally liable to make good any deficiency which might occur. Mr. Hormusjee Rustomjee Umrigar, who attends to the plaintiff's business, stated that the plaintiff advanced to the mills a sum of £33,587-2-0 and the second and third defendants executed a mortgage in favour of the plaintiff, by the terms of which they were personally liable for any deficiency. The company had executed another working agreement. There were other defendants who claimed to be subsequent mortgagees, namely, Itcha Lulloo Mulchand and Tokursey Shamji. Rs. 5,000 were at one time paid by the company. The mortgagee had in hand certain stocks of yarn and cotton, which represented the profit of the working.

His Lordship: Are the mills still working?

Witness said they were still working, but would be stopped next month, as they could not be worked without loss. There was now due on the mortgage the sum of £34,122-18-4 and Rs. 1,425. His lordship gave a decree for the plaintiff for the above amounts with interest and costs. Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Pestonjee, Rustim, and Kolah, appeared for the plaintiff. There was no appearance for the defendants.

NOTES FROM NAGPUR.

THE Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner, C.P., arrived at Nagpur on the 14th instant. The arrival was public and the usual salute was fired from the Sitabaldi Fort. Mr. Hewett left Nagpur on Tuesday, the 19th, for an extended tour in the Narsingpur and Saugor districts.

The camp-of-exercise for the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles, writes our local correspondent, will take place from the 6th to the 14th proximo below the

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INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MR T. FISHER UNWIN has just published a work by "Indicus" dealing with labour and other questions in South Africa, being mainly considerations on the rational and profitable treatment of the coloured races living there. The writer, who prefers to conceal his identity, visited South Africa for purely commercial reasons. He is in no way interested in that country; but having lived for many years in India has much sympathy for the natives, especially for those who have crossed the seas to South Africa. "Indicus" expresses himself greatly astonished at the extent to which Indians have contributed to the prosperity and well-being of South Africa. Nothing, he says, that he "had seen or heard had given him any idea that such was the case" and many if not most Englishmen are, no doubt, as ill-informed as he was on the subject. He was not less surprised to notice the treatment meted out to Indians and other coloured races in South African colonies—a treatment which, in his opinion, is as impolitic as it is unjust. After careful study of his subject the writer comes to the conclusion that South Africa is essentially a country for coloured labour. In Natal, and in fact, everywhere, the hard manual labour is done by coloured races and whatever progress has been made is mainly due to them. Until Indians were introduced into Natal, absolutely no progress was made with agriculture in that colony; in fact, as an Indian out there remarked to him—and all the white people, to whom he quoted his remark, confirmed the statement—cabbages even were not grown until they showed the white people how to grow them. It is evident that the writer has a more lofty opinion of the native of this country than most people. Who he may be there is no indication, but we are disposed to think he is a native of this country himself, as it is so palpable that he holds a brief for them. He considers the position of the Indian native in any of the colonies bad enough, but in the lately annexed provinces to be intolerable. It is to be recollected, he writes, that these provinces are directly under the Government of Great Britain itself, so that the responsibility cannot be shirked and must be faced. Neither Kaffirs nor Indians can hold land in either of the new provinces; they are practically prohibited from exercising any skilled trades, whilst altogether inadequate means are taken to provide education for their children, notwithstanding that a special tax is placed on them—for which, it is frequently asserted, they get a return in good and civilised government. Again, so far as Indians now arriving in South Africa are concerned, they are not permitted to settle in a country which their labour is enriching, and in the case of Natal, it may be said, has created.

The author unhesitatingly describes it as a scandal that British subjects should be put in a position of inferiority to foreigners, in no way their superiors in either intellectual or moral qualifications, or even in point of education, as now happens under existing laws. And he argues it is the duty of the Indian Government to protect their own subjects. We imagine he goes beyond the fact when he says that the Indian Government has the power to do this and if, as he suggests, they prohibit emigration, "unless the Indians receive fair treatment," they will find that the Colonial Governments will do without them altogether and invite Chinamen and Japanese. It is a very easy thing to say that such fair treatment must include the right to hold land and to practise any trade after their indentures have expired, and that if the Indian Government take action in this direction they are bound to succeed, because Natal, at any rate as every colonist admits, "cannot possibly thrive without Indian help." But it is not at all likely that the Indian Government will enter upon a tug-of-war with the Colonial Office or break faith with the coolies they assist to proceed to the Colonies. As with those carried across to the West Indies they must stand between them and their employers only so far as to see they receive the wages agreed upon and their return passages to their homes. Anything further than that the Government of India is not entitled to do. But it is open to the emigrants themselves to agitate and to the Colonial Governments to concede them such further privileges as may seem to them desirable in the interests of the Colonies over whose destinies they preside. Although the writer is an admirer of the Dutch and believes that they, are physically, mentally and morally, the best suited to colonise South Africa successfully, he does not dispute that they are as little inclined to treat coloured people fairly as the British colonists. At the same time he recognises that it is hopeless for the Mother-country to insist on any permanent regulations on the subject. But he believes, that, on the whole, the coloured races have a better chance with the Boers than with the other white colonists, because the Indians, at least, are in no sense competitors with the former, whilst on the contrary, as artisans and shop-keepers, they supply a want of the Boer farmers in furnishing them and their Kaffir farm-servants with stores on far cheaper terms than could be got for dealers of other races. There is the objection to the Borah and Indian pedlar generally in Australia as well as in South Africa. On the other hand, it must be remembered, that the people who recruit the class of shopkeepers are not of British origin but foreigners of Southern Europe, of the same class against which England is likely to be closed at no distant date.

One of the most bitter complaints of the Indian immigrant in South Africa is that "the Europeans there are not sahibs in any sense of the word, but far more akin to the European loafer to be found in India." This fact, added to the others that "there is no justice in the country and that the licence-tax is worked in the most oppressive manner," made up the sum total of the grievances of some Bombay Mahomedans the writer met at Durban. But other individuals had the further complaint that the indentured coolies are greatly underpaid and that it is not right to work them at a large profit, and then turn them out of the country when their indentures have expired. It does not seem hard that the labourer who undertakes the work in the vineyard for a penny should not receive two-pence. But the Indian labourer dislikes the husbandman and characterises him as greedy, idle, unprogressive and lethargic, making money chiefly by subjecting coloured races to what is little better than slavery. The labourer has many sympathisers, and one of these, giving his views to the writer, declared that indentured coolies are slaves and such colonies as treated them badly are of no use to England. Instead of "badly" it would perhaps be more strictly correct to say "ungenerously." Little good can be done by exaggeration, but the exaggeration in respect to the treatment of Indian immigrants is rather that of the people he interviewed than of the writer himself. As Natal is "peopled as much, if not more, by Indians as by white men, and the coloured people are an absolute necessity to the whites, yet are nevertheless ignorantly and unjustly treated by the latter," the author advocates a far-reaching reform. He would have the Governor of Natal, an Anglo-Indian official, whilst instead of Protector of Immigrants appointed by the Colonial Government and concerned with indentured coolies only, a kind of Consul, appointed by the Government of India, to whom all Indians, except the few who have votes could appeal, because one-third of the Indians are non-indentured and their number is increasing. We do not think the writer has discovered the best means of solving the problem. But he has, at all events, made out a case for inquiry and seconded the efforts which Mr. Gandhi has so long directed towards the amelioration of the condition of his countrymen in the South African Colonies.

MORE ABOUT RADIUM.

SIR OLIVER LODGE is one of those scientists who have the rare faculty of explaining the deeper facts of science in a simple and understandable manner. That the majority of people of all classes take a keen interest in the advances science is making is obvious from the superabundance of press comment which always succeeds a notable discovery. But very few of those who talk so glibly of radium and its still mysterious properties are likely to grasp the far-reaching effect which the discovery is likely to have upon the scientific world. Sir Oliver Lodge, although a practical physicist of the very first rank, is pre-eminently a theorist, and it is, perhaps, this mental research which he has carried on so assiduously during the last quarter of a century which has brought him the gift of interpretation to the multitude. Those who have followed the progress of physical science at all closely, will remember Sir Oliver Lodge's predictions and theories twenty-five years ago, and they will have been interested in following the close fulfilment of those prophecies during the succeeding years. A week or two ago when lecturing at Birmingham on the properties of radium he was in a position to make statements which must have afforded him subtle satisfaction, although probably there were many in his audience who did not realise the personal significance attached to those statements. Years ago Sir Oliver Lodge dared to depart, if in ever so guarded a fashion, from the old established dogma of the immutability of matter, the first law of the physicist. To-day with the aid of subsequent scientific development, and with the assistance of Mme. Curie's wonderful discovery he is able to make a bold declaration on this point. The Mighty Atom is no longer in the sight of the scientist the primordial constituent of matter; those mysterious scintillations which are associated with that parodoxical element radium have convinced the scientist that the process of change which is to be observed in everything extends to the atom also. The atoms, says Professor Lodge, are crumbling and decaying. To witness the ultimate result of that process would need an observation extending over trillions of years possibly, but the process is still sufficiently appreciable to have come within the ken of the imperfect science of the twentieth century. Professor Lodge in the course of his lecture, added some interesting information to that which has already gained the credence of the leaders of the scientific world upon the electrical theory of matter. The atoms are, he says, so small that three hundred millions of them can be in a row, side by side in the space of an inch, and there are a trillion of them in each granule of lycopodium dust. But one hundred thousand electrons—the new basis of things material—can lie in the diameter of an atom. To go too far into such comparisons would lead to greater confusion of conception than even such figures must give rise to. Sir Oliver Lodge's lecture, however, proves conclusively that although he is grateful for the labours of those who are gradually adding to our scientific knowledge he will not be debarred by considerations of orthodoxy—as affecting the scientific world—from forming his own opinion, and his own theories.

COLONIAL PRODUCTS.

THE Duke of Marlborough in alluding to that Utopia of the British economist "a self-sufficing and self-containing empire," at the opening of the Colonial Products Exhibition in Liverpool was more sanguine than most statesmen are of the possibilities of trade within the empire. It is always the wonder of the foreigners that a country, with practically no natural advantages except the possession of coal and iron should command the prestige she does, and go a long way towards ruling the world's trade, but possibly even the most sceptical of Britain's rivals would have paused to wonder at the variety of the products which she is able to gather together and to claim without exaggeration were won from soil which is truly British. There is little doubt that were the resources of Great Britain's colonial possessions developed to their full extent they would suffice her. The need for American wheat and cotton, for Russian grain, and for the vast amount of food-stuff and raw materia which she imports from foreign nations would be by no means so important as it is to-day. However, Great Britain will not be able to claim to be truly self-supporting until greater efforts on the lines of the British Cotton Growing Association are made, and it is realised how vital is the necessity of making the most of colonial resources. One of the most interesting exhibits were the samples of cotton grown in the various parts of the empire. Rhodesia is a coming cotton colony. There is a considerable area in that country in which cotton growing might be made a successful enterprise and shortly a syndicate will monopolise a considerable portion of the districts where cotton is indigenous. Some of the native varieties have been valued at from 7½d. to 8d. a pound and they are stated by Lancashire experts to be eminently satisfactory. From Africa a multitude of exhibits has been sent and the variety and possibilities of the products of the Dark Continent have possibly not even yet been realised. It is interesting to learn that in Matabeleland are coal-fields which produce fuel that is hardly inferior to the best Welsh steam coal. The exhibition brings to light numerous other facts of a similarly interesting and important character, and there is reason to believe that it will result in even more good than the oratorial revelations of great statesmen. The Duke of Marlborough was careful in his opening speech to avoid controversial allusions, but it is quite evident that he realises the value of such an object lesson as compared with the results of party dissension bearing upon the same subject.

SIR JAMES WILLCOCKS is to be promoted Major-General and to command the Secunderabad District. He will be succeeded in the Bombay District Command by Brigadier-General Proudfoot.

ELSEWHERE will be found an announcement concerning the latest development of enterprise in connection with the introduction of the motor-car into India. A special supplement gives details as to the business undertaken by the Bombay Motor-car Company.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces was entertained at dinner by the Upper India Chamber of Commerce on Saturday evening. The speeches which followed were almost entirely concerned with the burning question of the sanitation of Cawnpore city and projects for the improvement of the public health. His Honour's personal views were strongly in favour of an extension of the city site, and he promised his hearty support to any well-considered scheme for electric or other tramways, which would enable workmen to live away from the congested districts and yet be within easy reach of their employment. The Lieutenant-Governor made the important announcement that, with the consent of the Government of India, from the 1st April next all Municipalities in the Provinces possessing waterworks would be wholly relieved from charges on account of the police, and in other Municipalities the charges would be reduced by half. His Honour expressed a fervent hope that these remissions would do away with the perpetual applications for doles by Municipalities—a hope that will be heartily echoed by the general public.

GERMANY is to send four locomotives to the St. Louis Exhibition to compete with French and American engines in speed and hauling tests.

THE first important official act of Mr. McClellan, the newly elected Tammany Mayor of New York, was to open the new rapid-transit railway tunnel, which extends from the lower part of Manhattan Island to Harlem, a distance of about eight miles. The train service will not be in working order for some time to come. The tunnel contains four tracks, two for slow trains, and the others for express trains which will run at the rate of forty miles an hour.

FIVE new Acts of Parliament came into force in England on January 1st, including that dealing with the registration and speed of motor-cars, the Employment of Children Act, and the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act. The last-named introduces the system of State payment for the defence of those who, it is established, cannot afford legal assistance, while that concerned with child labour empowers local authorities to make by-laws respecting the hours of work. No child under 11 is allowed to trade in the streets, and it is illegal to employ a child in a theatre under ten years of age.

THE new issue of postage stamps for Hong Kong, on which King Edward's head is to replace that of Queen Victoria, will leave to Russia the proud position of possessing the only unchanged issue of stamps in the world. The first stamps of the design now to be superseded were issued in Hongkong in 1853. The Russian issue with the double eagle and shield of St. George, which first appeared in 1864-5 will now take its place at the head of the list.

THE Borghese family have sold to the Vatican, at a low price, in order that they may be included among the Papal archives, a collection of letters from Pope Paul V. to various members of the Borghese family, which until now have remained among their family papers. The British Government is said to have offered a considerably higher price for the collection, a great part of which deals with the divorce of Katharine of Aragon by Henry VIII. The Borghese family, however, preferred that they should continue to remain among the historical and political treasures of the Italian capital.

THE West Riding can boast of possessing the oldest telegraph "boy" in the world. His name is William Denning, and he has just turned 82 years of age. He was married on Christmas-day, 1843, and has recently celebrated his diamond wedding, Mr. Denning was not always a telegraph "boy." He was formerly a woolcomber, and up to about ten years ago he worked at that ancient craft at the Manningham Mills. He occupies his leisure by acting as messenger to the Drighlington Post-office, and often walks as much as twenty miles a day in that capacity. Mr. and Mrs. Denning have had nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are living, as are 31 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren

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THERE is a delightful passage unearthed by the "Daily Chronicle" in the report sent on June 2, 1903, by the United States Consul General at Frankfort to his Government. He writes:—"German papers report that an English firm has been awarded the contract for a large gasometer by the city of Copenhagen, being the lowest bidder—10,930l. (53,185 dols.); the lowest German bid was 11,250l. (54,742 dols.). The curious part is that the English firm intends to use German material finishing it in England. It will be bought in Germany at export prices, which are about cost or even less. The papers state that the German manufacturers of gas reservoirs cannot purchase their raw material in Germany as cheaply as foreign firms can, and therefore cannot compete with English manufacturers. They also state that similar conditions exist in other branches of home industries using iron. The producers of iron are called upon to revise their prices in favour of home consumers." That, says the "W. G." is rather remarkable testimony from an entirely independent witness given before Mr. Chamberlain started his "raging, tearing propaganda."

ON THE BRINK OF WAR.

PREPARATIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.

RUSSIA'S reticence with regard to all her doings by sea or land is a reticence that may be felt. As everybody knows, she has forbidden British war correspondents to accompany either her army or her fleet. It is the simplest form of Press censorship.

Russia herself, however, has her limitations. She knows how to deal with war correspondents, enterprise they never so enterprisingly.

But the American woman with her irreverent sang-froid is a novel entity, and has no place in the arrangements of an ancient nation. Perhaps it is for that reason that the "Chicago Tribune" of December 24 contains a luminous description of Port Arthur, written in November, by an American woman, Eliza R. Scidmore, who was on Board a Japanese liner. At that time the war cloud was no bigger than a man's hand, but it was visible to the naked eye.

And at the very outset, Russian militarism greeted the writer when she first saw Port Arthur.

The lowest of Japanese coolies (she writes) has a personal pride and self respect that does not permit of his being roughly or unduly handled by anyone, and it was interesting for the passengers to see how much longer the crew would stand the rough handling and hustling of the booted Cossack. But the little sailors and stokers took it patiently, returned he anxious looks of their officers with shrugs and reassuring smiles, and made no difficulties because of barbarian manners. The gloomy quarantine doctor in his immaculate uniform left us, and we swung at anchor another two hours before permission came for us to enter the harbour of Port Arthur.

STRONGLY FORTIFIED.

The narrow entrance to the stronghold was further closed with log booms, until there barely remained room for the ship to creep into the oval amphitheatre of Port Arthur. From the outer anchorage we had seen forts, embrasures, earthworks, and signal staffs on every height. Zigzag tracks ran up to every fortified hill-crest; barracks and powder magazines were at the foot of the slopes.

The residence of the military governor capped the hill directly ahead of us, with the town spread below and around it. The east basin rerounded with the noise from shipyards and workshops, and tents spread away to the foothills beyond more barracks. To the left lay large transports and ships of the Volunteer Fleet, just in from Odessa with men and munitions, and in the western basin dredges were finishing the work of harbour-making for the commercial city which the Viceroy Alexeieff has now decreed. Stone barracks—a dozen of them—lay beyond the ground plan of the new city across the railroad tracks, and, from shipyards on the inner side of the entrance island came the din of forced work. Ten torpedoboats lay there, all in workmen's hands at once, and all day and all night the hammer hammer, hammer went on.

There was a heavy cargo to discharge—thousands of boxes of bottled Osaka beer, cases and cases of Japanese mineral water, bags of rice, cornmeal, flour, and other food-stuffs in proportion.

A Korean quartermaster, speaking Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and English presided over the work, and was go-between for every sort of proceeding, maintaining his imperturbable Korean calm while all sorts of heathens and barbarians raged around him. First, some booted Cossacks in belted white blouses clambered up the gangway one with boxes of cigarettes to sell, which he produced from a grimy pillow-case. He disposed of them at less than cost price, while a colleague sold a silver watch, another a pair of boots, and the three departed.

STOLEN PROPERTY.

"They are stolen, of course, you know," said a ship's officer.

"But how dare they come in uniform, in broad daylight, and sell them! Why don't you inform the police?'

"Ah! we cannot assist in conducting the Russian Government, you know. They must watch and punish their own people. There are waiters of the Custom House on board, every package and person on the ship is under surveillance; so why do they not stop this thing if they wish to! Every time we come here, every time any foreign ship comes here there are soldiers on board peddling things in this same way. Let the Cossacks catch the Cossack."

The early part of October was an anxious time for this town, Port Arthur October 8 was approaching—the days set for Russia's evacuation of Manchuria or war. Neither came, but on that day and for many days after there was war talk and war scare in all the Far East. In his quality of absolute ruler of East Russia, Viceroy Alexeieff had summoned Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister at Tokyo, to him, the envoy being peremptorily called from his dinner table as it were, to rush by fast trains to Nagasaki and there embark in a Russian cruiser.

In a few days Baron de Rosen was speeding back to Tokyo at the same express speed, and special trains and private cars brought officers down from Mukden and far-thest Manchuria to be closeted in the white palace above the dry dock.

Each day brought its rumours—one from Chi-fu that a first naval battle had been fought off the South coast of Korea, and another rumour that a land battle had been brought at Yongampho, in Korea, where the Russians, have been conducting a long drawn game, ending in the bold construction of a fort.

INSULTING JAPANESE.

The insolence with which they treat the Japanese whom they meet is reflected and intensified in the manners of shop-keepers in town. In a bookstore, where many of the ship's passengers were purchasing Port Arthur's picture postcards, the tallow faced clerk, who spoke all languages, was cringing servility to Americans and contemptuous brusquerie to a party of Japanese gentlemen.

"This is Manchuria, you see," said this clerk, holding up a yellow card embossed with the double headed eagle of Russia above a fat dragon. "Eagle on top of dragon. Soon there will be the eagle on top of two dragons," and he nodded his head toward the Japanese customers. Colour mounted in each Japanese countenance, and lips were drawn in silence, but no other sign, no intimation came from them that they had heard the boast.

In January 1895 Port Arthur was captured by the Japanese, and for a few months held by them, pending the payment of the war indemnity, observing their solemn treaty pledges, the Japanese evacuated Port Arthur on the day agreed upon. There was a non-alienation clause in the treaty of Shimonoseki by which China promised never to cede the Liaotong peninsula to any other nation and which the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs at the time keenly resented as an implication of ulterior designs on the part of Russia. All the world may still remember how the Russian fleet assembled there in 1898, jockeyed the British fleet out of Port Arthur, and raised the Russian flag there in permanency, on the claim of a ninety-nine year lease.

AN interesting incidental of the New Year took place on the night of Saint Sylvester at Strasburg, where at midnight a small crowd of those lucky people who are vaguely described as "privileged" gathered together to watch the evolution of the famous astronomical clock in the Cathedral. The occasion was one of special interest, as, for the first time since its final perfecting in 1842, the mechanism was to be called upon to adapt itself to the first bissextile year of a new century, after an interval, that is to say, of eight years. Punctual to the second the change took place; the levers and wheels roused themselves to activity, the variation of dates was perfected, the movable feasts of the year took their proper places, and without a trace of emotion the machinery, which in similar fashion is contrived to indicate the evolutions of the calender as long as steel and iron endure, continued with cadenced regularity upon its accustomed path.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANOTHER CABINET SPLIT.

Three Impending Resignations

EFFECTS OF THE FISCAL POLICY.

THE KING AND THE COMMISSION

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

Another meeting of the Cabinet took place to-day, which lasted nearly four hours.

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

The "Daily News" says that the result of the prolonged Cabinet meetings is that the resignations of Lord Lansdowne, Lord Londonderry, and Mr. Gerald Balfour are imminent as a protest against Mr. Balfour endorsing the Chamberlainite candidates and allowing Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy to generally displace his own.

The "Daily News" also learns that during the visit of the King to Chatsworth, his Majesty emphatically expressed to Mr. Balfour his views regarding the bearing of Mr. Chamberlain's commission on the prerogatives of the crown.

LATER.

The statement made by the "Daily News" regarding the imminent resignations in the Cabinet is declared to be untrue.

FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Affairs at Port Arthur.

OUTRAGES AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

RUSSIAN TROOPS UNDER ORDERS.

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

Reuter wires from Port Arthur that all the residents there and at Dalny have been ordered to submit their horses to the authorities for appraisement.

The military activity has disorganised the passenger and goods traffic on the Manchurian Railway.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

Reuter wires from Tokio that the new Korean Cabinet is favourable to Japan.

Reuter (Peking) states that the senior American student interpreters at Peking are going to Mukden, Dalny, and Antung as Vice-Consuls.

The "Daily Mail" says that the first reserves at St. Petersburg and 88,000 of the Kharkoff, Kieff, and Odessa divisions have been warned to hold themselves in readiness.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 26.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent, dated London, 25th January, says that the "Times" correspondent at Tokio reports that a party of Russian marines, accompanied by officers who landed at Vladivostock on the 9th, have maltreated the Japanese there and outraged women.

Rumours are abroad that the Russian overtures of reconciliation will be disregarded by Japan.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HOTTENTOT REVOLT.

More Settlers Murdered.

GERMAN TROOPS REPULSED.

WINDHOEK BESIEGED BY REBELS

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

News from Damaraland continues to be grave. Several attempts to relieve Okahandja have been repulsed with heavy loss.

Five settlers with their wives and children have been murdered.

Five bodies of Hereros are marching on Windhoek.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

News received at Capetown states that Windhoek is besieged by 5,000 to 8,000 natives.

Several bodies of Germans have been cut off, and friendly Hottentot reports state that one party was horribly tortured to death.

THE WEST AFRICAN RISING.

Punitive Force Despatched.

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

Besides the officers mentioned in the telegram of the 30th ultimo as having been killed at Benue in West Africa, 37 of the escort numbering 52 were killed.

The punitive force numbers 300 men, and heavy fighting is expected.

THE FIRE IN NORWAY.

Help from the Kaiser.

The Kaiser has sent £500 sterling for the relief of the sufferers at Aalsund.

THE UNIONIST DISRUPTION.

Council Meeting Convened.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ACTION.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

Mr. Chamberlain has convened a meeting of the Liberal Unionist Council for the 3rd of February.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TRANSVAAL FINANCE.

The Rand War Contribution.

FINANCIER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

LONDON, JANUARY 25.

Mr. Freeman Cohen, one of the guarantors of the first instalment of the Transvaal loan mentioned on the 22nd instant, has died suddenly at Johannesburg, and it is believed owing to the strain of the present acute situation.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

It is reported that Mr. Freeman Cohen who was in ill health committed suicide with a razor.

MINING DISASTER IN AMERICA.

175 Miners Entombed.

One hundred and seventy-five miners have been entombed by an explosion at Harwick in Pennsylvania.

Their rescue is regarded as hopeless.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 26.

A special cablegram to the "Indian Daily Telegraph" states that a terrible explosion has taken place in a Pittsburg mine. One hundred and eighty-two men were entombed and several have already been found dead.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SENTENCE ON WHITTAKER WRIGHT.

LONDON, JANUARY 26.

Mr. Whittaker Wright has been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

LATER.

After the sentence was passed on Mr. Whittaker Wright he left the court by a private exit.

A cry was then heard, and he was found in an adjoining room in a state of collapse and died in a few minutes.

The affair has created an immense sensation.

Mr. Whittaker Wright collapsed after receiving his sentence, and his dying is ascribed to failure of the heart.

THE INCREASE OF INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 26.

The 110 additional officers sanctioned for the Indian Army will be distributed so as to bring the establishment in all corps of the Punjab Command up to thirteen officers each and in other Commands up to twelve in each regiment, with the exception of the 42nd Deoli, the 43rd Erinpura, and the 44th Merwara which have their establishments raised to eight British officers each. The establishments of the 9th Bhopal Infantry and the Malwa and Meywar Corps will remain unchanged.

THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MR. CASSELS.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION.

At their last meeting the Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution expressing their appreciation of the services rendered to the commercial community by Mr. H. W. Cassels who is proceeding to England to take up the management in London of the Clan Line of Steamers.

THE PRESIDENCY S. C. C. ACT.

The Committee have also addressed the Bengal Government in connection with the proposed amendment of the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act. The principal change they recommend is to put a stop to the abuse which has grown up in consequence of defendants being able to delay prosecution of certain cases against them by claiming as of right transfer under Section 39 to the High Court.

LORD ROSEBERY AND THE DUKE

A POLITICAL DINNER.

The Duke of Devonshire is attending a political dinner to be given in honour of Lord Rosebery.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE FAR EAST CRISIS.

LONDON, January 10th.—As the result of more favourable news from Japan, a stronger tone characterised the London and Paris Exchanges yesterday.

Japanese stock in London rose ¼ per cent., and Russian 4 per cents. advanced 1½ per cent.

Considerable purchases were made on French account.

More optimistic telegrams from Tokio led the French Government to believe that Russia had recognised Japan's preponderating influence in Korea and that Russia's last Note affords a hope that a conflict will be averted, and that it will enable negotiations to continue.

CHINESE ON THE RAND.

[illegible]DDON THINKS.

10th.—The Premier (Mr. [illegible] constituents at Hokitika as a result of the Transvaal [illegible] the British flag, hordes of [illegible] introduced to work the Rand mines, [illegible] a standing blot and a grave reflection o[illegible] dministration, and be bitterly resented by the self-governing colonies, which had made sacrifices on behalf of the Empire.

Rs. 5,000 TO 10.

PLACING the 1st three in the G. W. HANDICAP. CHARLES. HARDING, 28, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

THE BENGAL NATIVE ARMY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 26.

The Bengal Native Army Hockey Tournament opened here yesterday. In the first game the 6th Jat Light Infantry beat the 1st Brahman Infantry by six goals to love. The second game between the 12th Bengal Pioneers and the 13th Rajput Infantry resulted in the Rajputs winning by two goals to their opponents' one.

ACCIDENT ON A PARADE GROUND.

ONE MAN KILLED.

While a battery of the Field Artillery were exercising on the parade ground, one of the horses became unmanageable, and the team bolts upsetting a gun carriage, and killing one man and seriously injuring five others.

TERRIBLE FIRE AT CHICAGO.

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 26.

A special cablegram to the "Indian Daily Telegraph" states that a gigantic fire has occurred in a twenty-storied building at Chicago. The panic among 4,000 occupants was terrible, and heart-rending scenes were witnessed. Twenty people were burned.

DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE.

POONA, JANUARY 26.

Gunner Warner of the 45th Field Battery, died of heart disease at Aundh to-day. Deceased was engaged in rolling up a tent when he fell down in a fit and died before he could be removed. The Battery removes to Ahmednagar to-morrow morning for manœuvres, and the men were engaged in striking tents when the accident happened.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Lieutenant-General M. L. Nicholson, Indian Army, is permitted to reside in India.

Lieut Livesay, North Staffordshire Regiment is posted to the Indian Army, Bombay Command.

Second-Lieutenant Chapman, R. G. A., from home, joins the 1st Lincolnshires, as an Indian Army candidate.

Major W. R. Hilliard, R. E., is posted as Commanding Royal Engineer, Sirhind District, Captain T. C. Watson, R. E., officiates as Commanding Royal Engineer, Bundlekhand District, vice Hilliard.

Captain F. Garwood, 3rd Sappers and Miners, reverts to the Imperial Establishment.

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

LADIES' BRANCH.

MANY members of the Ladies' Branch of the National Indian Association assembled on Monday, at Lady Jenkins's bungalow to hear a lecture on "The Human Skeleton," delivered by Miss Meakin, the Acting First Physician of the Cama Hospital. There were present:—Her Excellency Lady Lamington, Lady G. Molyneux, Lady Jenkins, Lady Jehangir, Mrs. Sassoon, Miss Sassoon, Miss Manockjee Cursetjee, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Pechy-Phipson, M.D., Mrs. Quicke, Mrs. Aston, Miss Millard, Miss Dobson, Miss E. Frar, Miss Beatrice Gifford, Mrs. Wilson, Miss L. Hart, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. G. B. Coleman, Mrs. Stanley Reed, Miss Fyrer, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs Payne, Mrs. J. P. Watson, Miss M. Gostling, Miss Chambers, Miss E. Wagstaff, Miss Abbott, Dr. Miss Avanbai M. Mehta, Dr. Miss Khambatta, Dr. Mrs. Karmakar, Mrs. Shariff, Mrs. Shaikh Moos, Mrs. Hajee Jan Mahomed, Mrs. Tribhovandas Runchordas, Miss S. S. Padmanjee, Mrs. D. Khare, Mrs. Nikambe, Mrs. J. D. Cama, Mrs. N. M. Patell, Mrs. P. M. Patell, Mrs. Rustom Fredoon, Miss D. Vacha, Mrs. Bastavalla, Miss F. M. Wadia, Mrs. B. Patell, Miss B. Khare, Miss J. A. Wadia, Miss E. Prentice, Mrs. and the Misses Dhunjeebhoy Nowrojee, Mrs. Faiz B. Tyabjee, Mrs. N. H. Choksey, Mrs. P. H. Rustomjee, Mrs. A. Unwalla, Miss Chinoi, Miss C. Jamsetjee, Mrs. Dastoor, Mrs. M. N. Walia, Miss M. N. Wadia, Mrs. Rustom P. Taleyarkhan, Miss F. R. Cama, Miss M. F. Panday, Miss B. Wadia, Miss B. D. Petit, Miss J. A. Dadisett, Mrs. J. Panday, Mrs. F. C. Petit, Mrs. K. S. Powalla, Mrs. D. B. Petit, Miss Jehangir, Miss Mama, Mrs. M. Barbaya, Mrs. Tribhovundas, Mrs. R. Tata, Mrs. Rustom Powalla, Miss S. J. Dadysett, Miss Manockjee J. Dadysett, Miss G. J. Dady, Miss Taleyarkhan, Mrs. F. S. Taleyarkhan, Mrs. Pestonjee Kanga, Mrs. B. Lukhmani, Mrs. Faizal B. Tyabjee, Mrs. Metha, and Miss B. R. Parakh.

The members of the National Indian Association and their friends were introduced to her Excellency.

THE HUMAN SKELETON.

Dr. Miss Meakin said: The subject chosen for our lecture to-day sounds rather a weird one, and only a few years ago I think, perhaps, even among to-day's audience some would have shuddered and perhaps have refused to enter a room where a real human skeleton was. Some even might have considered it improper or possibly irreverent to expose and handle that which has proved such an essential part of a once living person.

But now-a-days the necessity of knowing something about the wonderful house provided for our use during our brief sojourn in this little world so as to prolong our stay here, as far as possible, under the best and happiest conditions, has made itself so widely felt that we approach the subject more from the practical than the mysterious point of view. Anatomy is one of the largest subjects of medical study and the knowledge of the skeleton in its smallest details is the foundation of the knowledge of Anatomy.

Every little mark on each bone has its meaning and to have a grip of anatomy one must know the bones as well as our own name. Looked at in this light the study of the dry bones becomes most interesting.

As a whole the skeleton is one of the most beautiful examples of architectural and mechanical skill carried to perfection. The human body is moulded upon it, it gives shape and firmness to the body, affords attachment to the muscles and protects the vital organs, and at the same time adapts itself to all the wonderful and fine movements of which our bodies are capable. The bones of the dried skeleton, dried as we have them before us now, represent only the earthy matter and the bone salts. The animal matter of the living bone, the bone tissue, has disappeared. The centre of the long bones is hollow but it is occupied during life by marrow. Now let us take the framework in order:—(1) The vertebrae column, (2) the cranium, (3) the ribs, (4) the breast bone, (5) the shoulder girdle, (6) the upper limbs, (7) the pelvis, and (8) the lower limbs. These component parts of the skeleton in our houses were described in full detail, their working explained, as well as the disasters following any defect in their formation or accidental fracture of even the smallest joint. The audience were throughly interested in the instructive lecture.

At its conclusion Her Excellency said she was very much pleased to have had this opportunity of hearing the lecture and meeting at the same time the members of the National Indian Association and their friends. After an adjournment for tea, the party dispersed.

THE GREAT PILGRIMAGE.

ON THE ROAD TO MECCA.

THROUGHOUT the Mahomedan world a striking phenomenon is now visible, for this is a notable year in the era of Islam. The pilgrimage to the Hedjaz goes on year in year out, but every ten or twelve years falls the period of the "Akbari Haj" when Mecca becomes the objective of great hosts of pilgrims moving simultaneously over three continents. That period has now come about, and for the last three months countless streams of humanity have been flowing from every point of the compass in the world of Islam to join in a stupendous but pious invasion of Mecca the mystic. Stirred by a common impulse these armies of devotees are actuated by an ardent desire to be in the Holy City—the daily goal of every devoted Mussalman's straining eyes—for the great day of sanctity which this year falls on the 27th of February. Almost, in their anxiety to reach the end of their pilgrimage in time, the Mahomedan's wonted acquiescence in fate gives place to an impatience of delay.

But there are some now on the way who will not achieve their pilgrimage during the present season. The Will of Allah, or the finger of Fate exhibits itself in a scarcity of ships and more especially in the rules of the Venice Convention. These will prevent many fulfilling their pious desires this year. But they will wait; perhaps, after the first sense of disappointment has passed, settling down at the last stage reached, until the time comes when they may move on again, though the Great Pilgrimage has been missed. There are Hajis from remote parts of Central Asia who ultimately gaze upon the Holy Kaaba and stand within the shadow of the little Hill of Mercy at Arafa after years of journeyings and haltings. Their supreme devotion finds its recompense in the achievement and in the ultimate hope of the devotee before whose vision of future felicity the realities of the long and weary way happily dissolve.

THE AKBARI HAJ.

Once in his life time every devout Moslem whose circumstances permit should perform the Mecca pilgrimage. But a special virtue attaches to the fulfilment of the ceremonies in a year like the present and the Haji who at this season follows the route of the Prophet's "Farewell Pilgrimage" achieves peculiar sanctity. The explanation is a simple one. The important ceremonies of the annual "haj" occur on the day of Arafa, which is the ninth of the "pilgrimage month," the closing month of the Arab year. The Mahomedan year is computed by lunar months and thus it comes about that once in ten or twelve years the ninth of "Zil Hijjah" or the month of pilgrimage falls on a Friday, the sacred day of the week. The coincidence of the day of Arafa falling on the day which the Prophet set apart as the Mahomedan Sabbath is regarded as being especially auspicious. And so throughout Islam all who can are striving to make the Great Pilgrimage and secure the special sanctification which it gives. From Eastern Europe, from Africa, and from all points in the wide continent of Asia followers of Mahomed are now making their way in thousands to the Holy of Holies of their religion.

This city of Bombay has witnessed a remarkable influx of pilgrims on their way to the Holy City; for it is the most important port of departure in Eastern Asia for the sea voyage to Jeddah, the Arabian port where the Moslem pilgrim hosts land on the last stage of their journey. Since the month of October they have thronged into Bombay from Northern India, from Afghanistan, from Bokhara, and even from remote Chinese Tartary. Most of the pilgrims from the countries of Central Asia, however, now travel by the Russian railway lines and on to Constantinople whence they embark for Jeddah. Russian policy compels them to travel by these routes but, as it is, the crowds of Hajis embarking at Bombay tax the resources of the shipping companies engaged in the traffic and make extraordinary demands upon the energies of officials. For a paternal Government has framed stringent regulations for the safety and comfort of these travellers, and there are internationol rules whose observance is rigidly enforced in the interests of the health of the civilized world. It is necessary under the rules of the Venice Convention that before leaving a plague infected country the pilgrims and their belongings must not only be disinfected but must be segregated in quarantine camps for ten days. They are again quarantined at the Island of Kamaran by the Turkish authorities before being allowed to land at Jeddah.

AN EXODUS FROM BOMBAY.

Since October no fewer than 17,000 pilgrims have been embarked at Bombay for Mecca, and their due supervision and despatch have entailed an enormous amount of labour to a number of officials. To none has it meant greater labour and a more harassing time than to the seemingly tireless Health Officer of the Port, Lieutenant-Colonel Crimmin, I. M. S., the man on whom rests the ultimate responsibility for the comfort of these thousands during their detention in quarantine and their safe despatch in the pilgrim ships. Besides securing that none suffering from infectious disease is permitted to leave the port there are details of sanitation and water in the camp and of air space and accommodation on the ships to which constant attention has to be given, and the best evidence that these and all other matters are supervised in the most efficient way is furnished by the pilgrims themselves. Until two years ago there was no quarantine camp at Bombay. There were Provincial Camps and the pilgrims departed from other ports. In this Presidency they embarked at Karachi and at ports in Kathiawar, and on the eastern side of India Chittagong was the point of embarkation. But the opening of Bombay diverted the stream from Bengal, and Government found it no longer advisable to open the Chittagong Camp, because the pilgrims declined to go there. The influx to Bombay speaks volumes not only for the success with which the traffic is dealt with here but also for the satisfactory treatment which the Hajis experience. It is not difficult to understand their preference for Bombay when you see how carefully they are looked after.

On arrival in Bombay they are taken under the wing of the Police Commissioner one of whose officers, to whom is given the title of Protector of Pilgrims, is specially responsible for their care while in the city. They are taken to the disinfecting sheds where they are medically inspected and all their belongings disinfected, each article of clothing being carefully stamped as proof that the disinfection has been carried out. Then they are conveyed across the harbour to the quarantine camp which has been specially constructed at Pir Paon. Here they stay the regulation ten days when they are embarked as ships are available. That procedure has been going on now since October, relays of pilgrims entering and leaving the camp successively. There have been at one time more than 4,000 in the camp while the receiving hulk Tenasserim has, at the same time, accommodated more than a thousand. The difficulty has been to find ships enough to transport them to Jeddah, the stringent modern regulations of the Pilgrims Act having reduced the numbers which any ship may take compared with the old days, and Shipping Companies who do not regularly carry pilgrims having no desire to fit up their vessels to meet a special pressure of traffic. Steamers that have already conveyed large numbers to the Red Sea port are returning as fast as they can be driven in order to take on board the last batches in Bombay and get them to Jeddah in time to enable them to participate in the great ceremonies at Mecca and Arafa. Many there are who, oblivious of the quarantine rules and limitation of ships, have delayed their arrival in Bombay until they can no longer hope to reach the Hedjaz in this great season. The philosophic ones whose homes are in India have returned thither and these number about 1,500. But there is a company of 300 who have travelled from the remote confines of the Indian Empire and beyond, who linger on in the hope that Allah or the Sirkar will intervene to permit them to complete their pilgrimage at this auspicious period. If not, their disappointment will be great, but they will bow to the Supreme Will and wait.

THE PILGRIM CAMP.

Delays occasioned by want of ships and by health regulations are in higher hands and may not be fought against. But there are things which may be controlled in order to render the enforced halt of the pilgrims as little irksome as possible. A visit to the Camp as Pir Paon reveals the success with which the officials are performing the difficult work of preserving the good temper of enthusiasts who stake their eternal welfare on reaching Mecca by a certain date. How difficult that task must be is seen as the pilgrims gather round the Port Health Officer as he makes his tour of inspection. They make earnest appeals to him to be sent away quickly fearful that if they are not allowed to go at once they will be too late. With a cheery word or two this officer, than whom none knows better how to gain their confidence, sets their minds at ease. There is plenty of time he assures them, and when they are landed at Jeddah, they will still have two days' grace before the eighth of "Zil Hijjah" when the pilgrims leave Mecca for Arafa and the sanctification of the Hill of Mercy. "Ah," they say, "the time is very little," but the assurance contents them and they return to their huts, or their prayers.

The camp is pitched in a picturesque situation on the foreshore at Pir Paon. Behind it rises well wooded eminences and palms, and mango trees shade it in the fore ground. It is excellently laid out, the roomy huts, constructed of matting and bamboo poles, being arranged in streets. The sanitary arrangements are carefully planned, and great trouble is taken to keep the camp plentifully supplied with water. There are wells close to the camp but these are not sufficient to supply a population which since the rush began has not fallen below 2,000. Other water has, therefore, to be brought from Bombay at much expense. Wood and water are the two necessaries which Government requires must be made easily available for the inmates of the camp, but there are also shops where they can buy other supplies at a tariff which the authorities insist shall be reasonable. Among the other multifarious matters which come under his eye the officer in charge of the camp makes it his business to see that the shop keepers do not put up prices. The Port Health Officer, too, as he makes his round does not neglect to ascertain the selling rates prevailing.

PICTURESQUE TYPES.

And what a picture the camp presents in diversity of type and age! There are young and old, children with their parents and venerable pilgrims whose tottering steps suggest that their earthly pilgrimage will be closed long before they come within sight of Holy Mecca. The elderly are numerous but the greater number are men in the prime of life. Women form a large proportion of the throng and but few of these are young. Their faces when visible are worn and deeply seamed. The variety of type is of unfailing interest. There are stalwart and vigorous Afghans from Kabul whose faces are as fair as the men of Northern Europe; men from Bokhara and Baluchistan and down from the Northern Provinces of India, the deepening tint of complexion proclaiming the stages of nearness to the plains. These pilgrims from the north are in sharp physical contrast to those from Bengal many of whom are in very poor condition and exhibit evidences of poverty.

As you move through the camp the voice of a muezzin is uplifted and men are prostrating themselves in the tents and in the open. Some of them are at their devotions almost throughout the day. But there are others who do not neglect to sleep while their fellows are watching and praying. An aged pilgrim reads aloud from the Koran for the benefit of a devoted disciple who drinks in every word. But by his side reposes one for whom the words of the Prophet are as naught. He is sound asleep. That seems to supply the keynote of the camp. There is much sincere devotion and possibly a great deal of fatigue after troublesome journeying.

While the Port Health Officer goes his way, he is met by all sorts of appeals. "Yes, Huzoor, we are all well but when can we go?" "I want to be with my father. He is in the first class. He paid Rs. 60, and I paid Rs 7." "Yes, Huzoor, everything is all right but there is need of ghi." This in the cookhouse; and so on throughout the camp. The officer has a word for all and excepting the one great anxiety inseparable from delay the pilgrims are wonderfully content and appreciate the arrangements made for their comfort. The immediate charge of the Camp is entrusted to Dr. Nightingale.

ON THE PILGRIM SHIP.

When they leave the camp to embark on the ship which will carry them to the land which gave birth to their Prophet and their religion, there are striking scenes to be witnessed. These pilgrims carry no banners. No sacred emblems are visible as may be seen in the ranks of modern religious pilgrims in the West. But they carry their baggage in bundles of all shapes and sizes. Country craft convey them in crowds to the steamer and their belongings are piled in higgledy piggledy masses in the boats. The signs of increasing wealth are visible in the number of their possessions. There was a time when the Haji encompassed his personal baggage in a single small bundle but now he goes abundantly equipped. In some instances, too, the bundle has given place to trunks and boxes just as the Christian Pilgrim's scrip has been replaced by the Gladstone bag and the Saratoga trunk of a personally conducted Cook's pilgrimage.

From the boats the crowds swarm up the gangway and spread themselves over the ship. The embarkation, the inspection of tickets, and the settling down is not done without noise. There is not much pronounced colour in a Moslem pilgrim throng but a distinctive note among the mass of dull white and more sombre tones is supplied by a few green and yellow purdhas worn by the women. Once on board many of them quickly settle down. There are a number of saloon passengers, and among them is the Rani of Nanpara in Oudh who arrived in Bombay with treasure worth five lakhs of rupees which she very wisely deposited in a bank. Mixed motives lead to the undertaking of this long journey and in the Rani's case there is a suggestion of romance and family trouble. The great bulk of the passengers are accommodated between decks where the regulations ensure ample room, air space and ventilation. In the old days the condition of things on board pilgrim ships was beyond description. Each passenger was allowed no more than a space of six feet by one and a half feet with the result that the ships were terribly crowded. Now the space is calculated at sixteen feet for each passenger. The ordinary ventilation of the ship is supplemented by electric fans and in other respects present conditions are a great improvement on the old. The decks of a pilgrim ship as the people go aboard are found covered with a liberal dressing of lime for sanitary purposes, and every measure is taken to ensure that the crowd of devotees shall begin their voyage to Jeddah under conditions of cleanliness and health. Doctors accompany the ship and are assisted by a staff of compounders.

The circumstances under which the Mecca Pilgrimage is made in these days are, indeed vastly different from what they formerly were. Railways and comfortable steamboats have abolished the hardships inseparable from the long journey in former days, and when the Hedjas railway is completed in its entirety, the last survival of the difficulties of old will have gone.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE BURLINGTON HOME EXHIBITION.

"PARSIFAL" IN NEW YORK.

A NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT.

LONDON, JANUARY 8.

THE present exhibition at Burlington Home is so certainly the worst general collection of old pictures in the long series as to suggest that one-man—one-old-master—exhibitions should become the rule for our winters; or, if not strictly one man, then one school. The splendid success of the one or two collections of this kind is fresh in all memories. But the master for such a gallery must be indeed a master, and not a Sir Thomas Lawrence. The present collection of the works of this painter is, happily enough, not so large as to make a Lawrence exhibition; and the "recently deceased," presented with a kind of bashfulness by their Royal Academy in the retirement of a back room, are as inconspicuous as they should be, and might well have been left to the past in which they had full opportunity and favour. Neither to them nor to Lawrence does the present owe appreciation or amends. They had their own day, and were very fortunate. Of the two more modern painters, H. T. Wells was the worthier of commemoration. The portrait group, in which his wife is the central figure, was probably the best work of his life, and has much good quality. Another lately deceased English painter is Sidney Cooper. There is no reason why those who thoroughly admire Cuyp should not take a certain pleasure also in his work, hard and uninteresting at its best. As for Sir Thomas Lawrence, there was no occasion of recent death to suggest this futile collection. It is difficult to avoid the unwelcome thought that a "reaction" in favour of his painting was looked for, and the yet more unwelcome thought that it may take place. Fashion has her merits, the merit of freshness, for example, for she vanishes when the bloom is gone; therefore these trivial "reactions" are not worthy even of the little name of fashion; they are quite unimportant but they are irritating. An Academy of Arts ought not to lead them nor foster them.

There are a few fine pictures: Filippino Lippi's "Holy Family," lent by Mr. E. P. Warren; Filippo Lippi's "Annunciation," lent by Lord Methuen; the Marquis of Northampton's beautiful Giorgione, "Young Man with a Skull," and his Rembrandt; Lord Powis's "Verona," by Canaletto; the Parmigiano "Portrait of a Lady," lent by the King; Lord Radnor's splendid Velazquez; Lord Darnley's Vandyck group; Mr. Seymour Lucas's "Pomona," by Girolamo Tiziano; the "Portrait of a Spanish Gentleman, by Juan Bautista del Mozo, lent by Mr. Albert Gray; the beautiful Reynolds portrait, Sir Harry Charles Englefield, lent by Mrs. Henry Silvertop; and—for the sake of their rich colour—the Veronese series of small pictures belonging to Lord Methuen. Some of these are rather poor and careless in drawing; but the one numbered thirty-one is altogether fine. To these may be added, perhaps, the little Titian portrait of a child with a dog, the property of the Marquis of Northampton—not that it is a very fine Titian. And this is all in a collection of a hundred and forty—a winter exhibition, to which we look forward for many months. The Filippino Lippi is beautiful in arrangement, and has a very lovely Madonna; it is only in the aged St. Joseph that we see the breaking down of a kind of grace just sufficient for a female figure, seldom enough to give dignity to a man or sweetness to a child. The Giorgione may be doubtful as to authorship, but is a good picture, none the less. The Canaletto is one of the most beautiful examples in the world; scenic, and yet literally Italian, with a sky full of colour and air and a grave shadow, suggestive of lingering night on the waters of the Adige, along the faces of the houses, and on the peaked hill. Nothing else of Canaletto's so convinces us of his quality as a colourist. Lord Darnley's picture above mentioned, Portraits of Lord John and Lord Bernard's Stuart, is a work of obvious defects, in spite of excellent composition; it is curiously flat for a Vandyck especially in the painting of the head of the brother to the left. In the Rembrandt, also already named as one of the best pictures, the student will note the pearly tone, the most beautiful painting of the hand, with the suggestion of blue where the skin is thin and a little strained.

Mr. Emil Paur conducted the New Year's Day concert at the Queen's hall and it is gratifying to be able to note that the audience was a very numerous one indeed. The Queen's Hall Orchestra is so fine an instrument that it now, to all intents and purposes, responds to the personality of every great conductor who comes to deal with its powers; so that one can easily in half an hour discover the distinction between this same band playing under, for example, Mr. Henry Wood, or M. Colonne, or Herr Weingartner, or, in the present instance, Mr. Paur. The chief interest of the afternoon centred in Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, in C minor. Whether or not one altogether agreed with Mr. Paur's interpretation of that magnificant work one still must acknowledge that its point of view was both impressive and artistic. That point of view seems to centre itself in a sense of contrasts; the conductor evidently took Beethoven, first from his most vital and robust outlook; then, secondly and finally, from his quieter and more sentimentally romantic standpoint. The result was that too dark a shadow, at one moment, enveloped the master's music, and that, at another moment too white a light seemed to be turned upon it. Having said so much one may note certain extraordinary merits in this rendering. The breadth of feeling which was apparent throughout the wonderful Andante movement can only be described as magnificent; here the music, in its various orchestral parts, was dominated, under this conductor by the finest sense of proportion, pathetic in the extreme sounded these wonderful phrases. The third Movement, however, was probably the most brilliant of all. Here the necessary contrasts were wonderfully set one against the other; the pianissimo passages especially were amazingly withdrawn into the innermost distances of sound, even as a man might blow out the candles one by one in a well-lighted room. The triumphant Finale was played with infinite spirit. It seems to us somewhat of a pity that we have to complain so often of the breaking of strings among the first violins in his orchestra; surely, moreover there was no necessity to create a disharmony by the distinct sound of a tuning-up, played pizzicato, on a new string, in connection with such a masterpiece; Beethoven requires no added discords. The programme also included the Overture to "The Flying Dutchman," which was given with great go and a feeling of orchestral excitement. For Herr Paur's work we have nothing, apart from this detailed criticism, save praise; his enthusiasm is immense; and he understands his orchestra thoroughly and completely; he is original in the best sense of the word—namely, that he has studied the masters from a most artistic, if from a very individual point of view; and, therefore, his energy, seeing that he possesses extraordinary talents, leads him to fine issues. Let it never be forgotton, however, that the sensitiveness of the instrument upon which he plays is chiefly due to the previous work of Mr. Henry Wood. Miss Rosa Olitza was the vocalist of the afternoon.

Four more weekly performances as already arranged during the opera season, and five additional representations promised by Mr. Conried, will give ample time to estimate as its true value the effect of Parsifal in New York. The first and hurried impressions after the first actual performance of Christmas Eve, were nearly all extremely favourable. To create the Bayreuth atmosphere in Broadway is beyond human power. Short of that, the new director of the Metropolitan Opera House succeeded in meeting the demands of the most exacting Wagnerites. Mr. Conried, after a fruitless attempt at an arrangement with Frau Cosima, risked everything to give New York the first stage performance of Parsifal outside the sacred portals of Bayreuth, the two private performances given before the King of Bavaria in

Munich expected. With Alfred Hertz to conduct, Anton Fuchs as stage director, and Carl Lautenschlager to supervise the mechanical and lighting effects every device was employed to make the production rival that of the music-drama in its original home. In the Flower Scene thoseable from personal knowledge to compare the two representations gave the palm for beauty to the New York stage prelude. Burgstaller and Ternina as Parsifal and Kundry imparted to their singing and action all the Bayreuth traditions, and manager, artists, the chorus, and orchestra brought to the performance a devotion for the realisation of his aims that might have ensured them the pardon of the Master for infringing his injunction. On the regular opera-goer the effect produced was undeniably that of attending a deeply religious service in strange contrast to the air of social gaiety that usually fills the Opera House, irrespective of the merits of the music. The financial receipts exceeded those of any gathering in the Metropolitan Opera House except the performance given in honour of Prince Henry of Prussia two years ago. From the musical point of view the "Sun" is the chief adverse critic. Now that Parsifal has come out into the light of day, it says, it must be measured by the artistic standards which are applied to Wagner's other dramas. Weighed in the balance with Tristan and Isolde, or any of the Ring works except Rheingold, to which it is fantastically not a stranger, it must be found wanting. Besides Tannhauser, which treats the same topic, it is a mass of glittering artificialities. Wagner was wise in wishing that this drama should be preserved for home consumption.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the St. James's Hall Mr. George Grossmith gave a new "humorous and dramatic recital" which attracted a very numerous audience. Mr. Grossmith is always entertaining; he has a keen sense of that which is objectively absurd; and he is within definite limits of kindliness, a merciless satirist. One of the best things of the afternoon was his little essay upon the hunting powers of such a tune as "Dolly Gray." He showed, of course, from an utterly burlesque point of view, how Mendelssohn, how Gounod, how Sullivan, how many another, including himself, had been overcome by the peculiar sentimentalism or humour of this tune. His introduction of that common air into the famous "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn was both ingenious and laughable. Such an accomplishment as this may seem easy to achieve. But it needs, after all, experience, thought, and a good deal of hard work before it can be definitely delivered with seeming innocence and seeming simplicity. In his new entertainment, "How to Succeed." Mr Grossmith was quite at his best. It was a "lecture to married men, showing them how to succeed in being popular in their own homes." His delightful imitation of the ranting preacher here displayed the true comedian. Perhaps the song "Going a Bridging, Sir, she said" was not quite so successful; its humour was more obvious. One of the most engrossing items of the afternoon was Mr. Grossmith's illustration of how he once appeared on the cinematograph. He first showed with what sweet reasonableness he encountered the man who was prepared to photograph his movements; he advanced in a grandiose style to the pianoforte, and played (as they said in the eighteenth century) "with an air." Then he presented to us his counterpart on the cinematograph. He shivered across the platform, turning and twisting, according to a sort of clockwork inspiration, and he sat down to perform at the piano, in the same mechanical manner. The result was entirely humorous. In "A Modern Musical Comedy" he satirised, with the lightest touch, all the various little details which go to make up the entity of that most curious of up-to-date entertainments. His imitations of Mr. Hayden Coffin were, in their way, as good as could be; and his keen sense of humour was alert to alight upon every point where, by exaggeration, the weakness of this kind of show can be laid bare. To sum up, Mr. Grossmith once more displayed himself in the light of a kindly and sharp-witted observer of the times—possessing a touch of Juvenal, just a sprinkle of Steal, with a little something, too, of the literary mime.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

Last evening his Excellency Lord Lamington paid a visit to the Bombay Government Dockyard. His Excellency, accompanied by Colonel Richard Owen, Military Secretary, drove to the Dockyard at a quarter past 5 o'clock and entered the premises through the heavy gun gate. On alighting from his carriage Lord Lamington was received by Captain W. S. Goodridge, R. N., Director of the Royal Indian Marine the other officers present being Captain F. H. Elderton, Assistant Director of the Royal Indian Marine; Commander S. D. Vale, Staff Officer; and Mr. R. Watson, Constructor, R. I. M. Dockyard. His Excellency was first conducted to the Electric shop and then to the Torpedo sub-Depot. The factory was next inspected where his Excellency was shown over the place by Mr Pickard, the Inspector of Machinery. From here Lord Lamington proceeded to the foundry and boiler makers shop where Messrs Care and Wade, foremen of the shop, showed his Excellency the pneumatic machine, punching, drilling, pressing, and reverting machines. His Excellency then went round and saw the three torpedo boats which are lying in the wet basin. During the inspection one of the torpedoes fired a torpedo into the water. Going round the wet basin, the party boarded the H. M. S. Fox now lying in the Dry Dock undergoing repairs. His Excellency was received on board by the captain and officers of the vessel. After inspecting the work going on in the ship, his Lordship went and saw the saw-mill. Some minor branches of the department were next visited. The visit lasted for an hour.

PROPOSED QUARTERS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

The following letter to the President from the Secretary to Government, General Department, will be considered at the next meeting of the Bombay Corporation:—"The Government of India have appointed a small Committee to draw up two alternative schemes for the construction of quarters for certain classes of Government Officers at Calcutta and Bombay and for the extension of the system of the grant of Presidency Allowances at those places. After the Committee have completed the part of the inquiry relating to Calcutta, one or more members will come to Bombay, and it will be necessary to associate with the Committee while in Bombay an officer of the Bombay establishment of suitable standing who is well acquainted with the circumstances of the City and the requirements of the officers serving here. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council proposes to nominate Mr. W. L. Harvey, C. I. E, I. C. S., Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, for this purpose without withdrawing him from his ordinary duties. I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to move the Corporation at a very early date to allow Mr. Harvey to serve on the Committee. I am to add that it is not likely that the Committee will be in Bombay before the latter part of February."

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INDIAN CRICKET TEAM FOR ENGLAND.

THE SCHEME ABANDONED.

A meeting of the Indian cricket team for England Committee was held last evening at the Parsee Gymkhana pavilion, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Russell presiding.

The proceedings were conducted in camera. After a lengthy discussion the following resolution was put before the meeting:—"That the finances being in the condition disclosed by the honorary treasurers, it was not expedient in the opinion of the committee that the scheme for sending an Indian team to England should be further considered, and that, therefore, it should be abandoned".

Speaking in support of the resolution, Mr. J. F. Patell defended the attitude taken by some of the leading Parsee sportsmen in connection with the scheme. He said they would all agree with him when he said that for the scheme to be successful it was necessary to have sufficient funds at their disposal and to raise a team perfectly representative of Indian cricket. Now, months after the scheme had been started, they realised that both were not possible, and the sportsmen he had referred to were, therefore, perfectly justified in taking up an attitude against the scheme which action of theirs had been very ungenerously criticised by certain parties in the newspapers. Mr. Patell pointed out that the same course was adopted some years back in connection with a Parsee team to be sent to England though their Ex-Governor, Lord Harris, had promised £1,000 towards the expenses. But as a representative team could not be got together and sufficient funds were not available he (Mr. Patell) had to wire "No" to England. Personally he was not against a scheme of this kind, but if the team was not representative and the funds insufficient he too would object to it. In conclusion he thanked European members of the committee for their support and help.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Russell, Mr. Rumboll Mr. Patell, Mr. Divecha, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Velinker, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Pavri voted for the resolution, while the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. Telang, Mr. Milne, Mr. Tyebji, and Mr. Shepherd voted against it.

The resolution was, therefore, carried.

It was further resolved "that the collected subscriptions be applied pro-rata to meet all the expenses already incurred and such further expenses as may be necessary in winding up the scheme. That the balance of subscription should be refunded to the subscribers with the statements of accounts, and that honorary secretaries and treasurers be appointed to carry out this resolution."

The meeting tendered a vote of thanks to the honorary secretaries and treasurers for their gratuitous services. The proceedings terminated after customary compliments to the chair.

CONTESTED MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS.

The results of the ratepayers' contested elections of Monday were announced yesterday. The figures given below are only approximate, subject to further scrutiny. The names marked with asterisks are those of members of the present Corporation:—

A (FORT) WARD.—SIX SEATS VOTES.

* 1.	Mr. Nowroji J. Gamadia	741
* 2.	Dr. N. H. Sukhia	648
3.	Mr. Framji D. Panday	579
* 4.	Dr. N. N. Katrak	543
* 5.	Mr. D. E. Watcha	534
* 6.	Mr. Kalliandas Keshavdas	534
* 7.	Mr. N. N. Saher	522
8.	Mr. Madhawji Virji	451

The first six candidates have been elected.

B (MANDVIE) WARD.—EIGHT SEATS.

* 1.	Mr. Jafferbhoy R. Kaderbhoy	1,174
* 2.	Mr. Sarafali Mamooji	945
* 3.	Mr. Karmali P. Haji	909
* 4.	Mr. Eazulbhoy J. Lalji	784
5.	Mr. Lakhamsi N. Sha	718
* 6.	Mr. V. K. Vandekar	655
7.	Mr. Lakhamsi H. Maiseri	633
* 8.	Dr. Dinanath B. Naik.	541
9.	Dr. Shavaksha B. Mehta	3 9
10.	Dr. A. G. Viegas (retired).	

The first eight have been elected.

D. (GIRGAUM) WARD.—FIVE SEATS.

* 1.	Dr. K. E. Dadachanji	1,143
* 2.	Hon. Mr. H. S. Dikshit	1 035
* 3.	Sir Balchandra Krishna	953
* 4.	Mr. Manordas Tribhowandas	753
* 5.	Mr. Jehangir B. Petit	609
6.	Dr. C. Fernandes	525
7.	Mr. K. N. Shroff	5

The first five have been elected.

F (PAREL) WARD—TWO SEATS.

* 1.	Mr. Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy	148
2.	Dr. Savakshah S Battlivalla	109
* 3.	Mr. K. N. Wadia	47

The first two have been elected.

STANLEY OPERA COMPANY

"CINDERELLA."

The Fanny Stanley Co continued their successful engagement at the Novelty Theatre last night with a presentation of the well-known and successful London musical burlesque entitled "Cinderella," and although the strong counter attractions had some effect on the attendance it did not diminish the ardour with which the various performers went through the several roles assigned to them. Miss Mowbray was cast for the title part, and ably sustained the excellent name she made for herself on previous occasions. Miss Stanley made a charming and picturesque "Prince," and Mr. Driscoll as one of the ugly sisters quite convulsed the audience with his grotesque make up and witty saying. A pleasing portion of the evening's entertainment was a real bit of American cake-walking by the chic and pretty Miss Daisy Mowbray, ably assisted by Mr Geeves. For this evening Miss Stanley offers "H. M. S Pinafore," one of Gilbert and Sullivan's earliest and greatest successes, and we feel sure a large audience will be on hand to witness this charming little opera.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The Circus continues to draw crowded houses every night and last night was no exception to the rule. The marvellous performance on the flying trapeze and the wire running and jumping were the centre of attraction and elicited rounds of applause from the delighted audience. The Hurricane Bareback Riding and the Gus Burns performance by the tiger Duke were heartily received. All the items on the programme were capitally performed. There will be a Matinee this afternoon. An entire change of programme is announced for to-morrow night.

THE daughter of a widow living at Potsdam have just been tried (Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs) for inciting soldiers against an officer under the following circumstances:—One Sunday last year she was walking with her sweetheart a soldier, when she met a young cadet named Von Treuenfeld. The latter stopped the soldier on the ground that he had not saluted him. The soldier and the girl maintained that the salute had been given, whereupon the cadet ordered the man to follow him to barracks. The girl upon this called to a number of army men, bidding them not to allow such a young officer to arrest an honest man. The soldier, who followed the cadet as ordered, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment in a fortress. The charge against the girl was dismissed, but she was fined thirty marks for insulting the cadet.

INDIAN INVENTION AND DESIGNS.

APPLICATIONS in respect of the under mentioned inventions have been filed, under the provisions of the Inventions and Designs Act of 1888, in the office of the Secretary appointed under that Act during the week ending 16th January:—John Bruce King Macbeth, merchant, Apollo street, Bombay for an improved water cooling tower, Charles Simmons, civil and mining engineer, of "Bowresh," Sands road, Paignton, Devon, England, for improvements in appliances for lifting and turning drills for rock-boring or other purposes, William Reid, gentlemen, Wellroyd, Colepark road, Twickenham, England, for improvements in methods of an apparatus for treating spun fibres with liquids for dyeing bleaching and other purposes, John McLeownan McMurtrie, engineer, 21, Princes street, Pollokshields Glasgow, for an improved liquid hydrocarbon burner for lighting and heating purposes, Arthur Edward Cattermole, mining engineer, Woodland Rise, Highgate, London, for improvements in the classification of the metallic constituents of ores, Arthur Edward Cattermole, mining engineer, 10, Woodland Rise, Highgate, London, for improvements in the separation of the metallic constituents of ores from gangue, Arthur Burden Campbell Rogers, M. I. C. E., of Agra, British India, for improvements in insulating compositions, for heat and cold. Kristian Birkeland, professor at the university of Christiania and Samuel Eyde, civil engineer, both residing at Christiania Norway, for improved method of producing powerful chemical reactions in gases or gas mixtures and apparatus therefor. Samuel Whitfield Thackeray, patent expert No. 118, Annandale Road, Greenwich, for an improved keyboard adapted for playing music at any absolute pitch and an improved system of musical notation specially adapted for use herewith, and also adapted for other musical purposes. Hugh Marshall, chemist, 12, Lonsdale Terrace, and Joseph Maton, company manager, of 388, Morningside Road, Edinburgh, for improvements in lamps and apparatus for burning carburetted air. Robert Cooke Sayer, engineer, 11, Clyde Road, Redland, Bristol, for improvements in bridging horizontal and vertical spaces. Vincent Louis Rees, merchant, 7 Church lane, Calcutta, and Alfred Albert Bulley, engineer, of Ooltadangah, Calcutta, for improvements in and relating to detachment of sinews from bones after crushing to be called "the hurricane sinews and fluff-separator." Frederick Shirtliff, engineer of Messrs. Burn and Company, Limited, Howrah, for improvements in machines for removing the husks from paddy or rice and other grain.

BOMBAY RACES.

SEVENTH EXTRA MEETING SATURDAY 30TH JAN.

Entry closed at 6 p. m. on Monday 25th January 1904.

The Sandown Plate—Distance 7 furlongs.
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's ch aus m Gnullo
Mr R J Hunter's b aus h Kitchener
Captain Wilson's bl e h Misty
Mr J B's b ch m Miss Ascot
Aga S Shah's b aus g Prestwick late Ayrdale by Air Laddie—Gymkhana 6 years
Aga S Shah's br aus m Shower late Cavenaat maid by Mount Royal—Derringer Mare
Mr T L Robert's br aus g Dumbell
Mr Saunder's br aus m Blue Blood
Mr A W P's b aus m Min aged
Mr A W P's b aus g Frande aged

The Consolation Plate—Distance 6 furlongs
Mr Jamsetji Bin Talib's g a h Invader 14 0
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h The Emperor 13 3 1 2
Messrs Gardiner and Ameen Khaderi's b a h Socrates 13 2
Captain Bayford's b a g Hail Fellow 14 0
Mr Artin A Essayeo's g a h Najeed 14 0
Mr Artin A Essayi's ch a h Deserter 13 3 3-4
Mr Kolac b a h Bikaner 14 0
Mr Syed Ahmed's g a h Agin Court 13 3
Mr A S Omers' b a h Fortune 14 0
Aga S Shah's b a h St Gatien 13 3 3-4
Mr Cross' b a h Chamberlain 14 0
Mr A W P's b a h Turn of Luck 14 0
Mr A W P's b a h Medmie 14 0
Mr Mahomed Moosen's g a h Russia 13 2

The Grant Road Plate—Distance 1 mile.
Messrs M Gooculdass and a Nanjee's g a h Flying Childers 14 0
Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Moon 13 3 3-4
Mr S A Wahed's ch a h Isinglass 4 years
Mr R D Sethna's ch a h Sandow 6 years
Messrs G K and D D's b a h Talisman aged
Messrs G K and D D's b a h Berlin 3 years

The Nursery Plate—Distance 5 furlongs.
Captain Bean's b a h Satirn 14 0
Mr Mustapha bin Talib's ch a h Faithful 13 3 3-4
Messrs A Dakeel and E Dakeel's g a h Mansur 13 1 3-4
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h False Start 13 3 1-2
Mr Faraj bin Sanad's b a h Moobalhil 13 2 1-2
Mr Mujeed bin Jurji's b a h Sugger 13 3 1-2
Mr B Jenkin's g a h Young Gazelle 13 3
Mr Reuben's g a h Grey Ghost II 13 2 1-2
Mr J Antooney's b a h Saizar 13 3 3-4
Aga S Shah and Aga Mirza Ahmed's ch a h Prince Arthur 13 2 1-2
Mr Abdoola M Syed's g a h Bahas 13 2 1-4
Mr A W P's b a h Hopeful 13 3 3-4
Mr A W P's g a h Sharajoon 14 0
Aga Mirza Ahmed's b a g Organiser 13 3 1-2
Messrs A A Amer and A M Saif's ch a h Gold 13 1 1-2
Mr Rasheed Shalan's g a h Zurrif 13 2 1-3
Mr G L Dewsee's b a h Matussan 13 3

The Lilliput Handicap—Distance 6 furlongs
Messrs M Gooculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Grey Fox 13 2
Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Minting King 13 3
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan 13 1 3-4
Mr Artin A Essayie's g a h Little Joker 13 1 1-2
Mr Artin A Essayie's b a h Malabar 13 3
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester 13 1 3-4
Mr B D Jewell's b a h Shalboob 13 2
Mr Jackson's b a h Hermit 13 3
Mr Franklin's g a h Ferdosi 13 2
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's ch a h Gallant 13 2 3-4
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental 13 2 1-2
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor 13 2 3-4
Mr F M Garda's b a h Kour Sahib 13 3
Messrs G K and D D's g a h Dispute 13 3
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taiseer 13 2 1-2
Messrs Abdool and Mr Shamlan's ch a h Galib 13 2 3-4
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Mooreed 13 3

The Randwick Plate—Distance 1-2 mile.
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's ch aus g Cocos 14 0
Mr Preston's b aus m Sandicoot 13 3 3-4
Mr A W P's b aus m Sunflower 14 0
Mr Finch's br aus m La France 14 0
Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera 14 0

The Arab Walter Plate—Distance 6 furlongs
Major England's b a h Black Flag 13 3 1-4
Captain Henn's b a h Saturn 14 0
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan 13 1 3-4
Mr C F Cooper's b a h Dukul 13 2 1-2
Captain Casson's g a h Silver Fox 13 3
Captain Bayford's b a g Hail Fellow 14 0
Captain Bayford's g a h Avatar 14 0 1-4
Captain Meynell's b a h Mariner 13 3
Colonel Eccle's b a h Rocket 14 0
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester 13 1 3-4
Colonel Kavanagh's g a h Money Spinner 14 0
Mr George's g a h Alexis 13 3 1-2

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 25th January 1904.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Mandle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	5	8
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	16	13	29
D Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada,	13	8	22
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakhmi	0	0	7
E Maxagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamalpura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	14	10	26
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	2	1	4
G Mahim and Worli	4	4	9
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	3	8
Total	52	[illegible]	113
Total plague deaths to date	231,746	216,735	
Same date last year	51	63	149

INOCULATION.

The statement of Plague Prophylactic issued from the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, on the 25th January, was as under:—Gaya, 4016 doses; Cawnpore, 30 doses; and Bombay, 7 doses.

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 763 as against 680 during the previous week. Of the total number 232 died from plague, which showed an increase of 43 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 1,157, which included 455 deaths from plague.

MESSRS. SCRUBB and Company have converted their business into a Limited Company, under the name of "Scrubb and Company, Limited." No shares will be offered to the public, the whole of the issued capital having been subscribed privately. The same personal attention to the business will be given in the future as in the past, and it is hoped the mutual confidence that has always characterised the business relations will continue unaltered. The new Company will retain the services of the whole of their former staff.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

MADAME Patti is said to have made the following statement to a representative of the "New York Times,": "It is a fact that Wagner who very much admired my singing, and also my enunciation of German, told me he was going to write an opera with Parsifal as its hero, and that the music of the heroine would be for me. A long time passed, and I heard nothing more of the opera. One day, several years after our conversation, I received a letter from Richard Wagner saying that he would send to me a score of the work, which he hoped I would sing. It came in time, and after I had gone through the music I saw that it was not for me. So I sent it back with a letter thanking him for his kindness, but telling him that I did not think the part at all suited to my voice."

An American paper says that Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, received a knock-out blow in Philadelphia when he tried to become an American citizen. The naturalisation question proved too much for him. Maher knew who the President of the United States was. When he was asked, How is the President elected? He replied, confidently: By a large majority. And the Governor? The same way, said Peter? What was the declaration of Independence? It had something to do with the British, said Peter; it was a kind of international challenge. What's the Constitution? was asked. It's all to the good, Peter declared, enthusiastically; I am trained up to the minute. How many States in the United States? was another question. There's Pennsylvania and New York and Chicago, and, oh, a bunch more. Then Peter went down and out.

The first buccaneers were peaceful English, French and Dutch settlers in the Spanish West Indies, and they received their name on account of their custom of drying their meat, in the Indian fashion, on a "buccan" or hurdle. The Spaniards resented strongly the intrusion of these foreigners, and made many attempts to oust them, but the buccaneers were a hardy set of men and crack shots with the musket, so they successfully resisted all the Spaniards' attacks, and obstinately remained in the Islands. What it was that caused the buccaneers to abandon their comparatively peaceful mode of living and take to piracy it is, says the "V. O." hard to say. Possibly the constant hurrying to which they were subjected by the Spaniards prompted them to retaliate, but, whatever the reason, their depredations soon rendered the passage of the Caribbean Sea an undertaking of extreme danger to merchantmen and the word buccaneer has come down to us as a synonym for robbery, murder, and all the vices.

In one of those large shops which include a dozen different businesses under one roof a new department for the sale of music and instruments was recently started. A prominent attraction was a line of violins at unusually low prices. A customer was struck by them, and after inspecting them closely, turned to the assistant and inquired of him: "What sort of people buy these instruments? Musicians, or who? The assistant expressed his profound contempt in every line of his face. "Musicians? he exclaimed. Good gracious, no! Just plain fiddlers."—Manchester Guardian."

Miss Gertie Millar, the popular young actress now playing in The Orchid, had a funny experience once when she was playing in comic opera in a little wooden theatre at Ayr. It was the last week of the season, says the "Lady's Magazine," and the orchestra, which only consisted of a piano, first and second violin cello, and double bass, began to diminish to an alarming extent as the days went by. On Tuesday the first violin departed, on Wednesday the second one was there no longer. Every night the first thing the artistes did when they went on the stage was to look to see who else had gone from the orchestra. Finally the cello took his leave, and the piano and double bass finished the week triumphantly between them.

Captain Mackay, one of the veteran commodores of the Cunard Line has just retired after 48 years seamanship. "The Atlantic," says he, "was terribly lonely when I first went to sea. We had a code of signals which enabled us to exchange a few words with other vessels when in sight, but only a few words, and vessels too were few. Now the Atlantic is crowded with shipping, but our conversation would be as scrappy as ever if it was not for wireless telegraphy. Long talks with other vessels before we are even in sight are common.

An armour-plated bowl as a battleship is the invention of a Mr. Stokes of New York. This bowl—Mr. Stokes calls it a Globular Naval Battery—is claimed to be impregnable. The "Daily Graphic" says that this novel war-craft (the Trident is her name) is very much in the shape of an inverted bowl. This shape, while giving a maximum of buoyancy, and so of armour carrying capacity, is, however, destructive of mobility, and we may well doubt whether her four propellers, placed equidistantly round the lower portion of her hull, would do more than turn her in the direction in which she wished to fire. This immobility would place her very much at the mercy of the ram and torpedo. The Trident, however, would be all but impregnable to gunfire as she would be able to carry an enormous cuirass.

The inventor designs to give her a complete 18-inch belt from some way below the water-line to the point where she is encircled by an outside gallery. All above this sides, turrets, and central conning tower is to be covered with 12 inch plating. Her armament is to consist of a pair of immense 15-inch cannon, each over 62ft. in length, three 8-inch guns, each in a separate fixed turret, and three 12-pounders placed between the turrets. There are no less than seven decks in the Trident, if we include the upper deck and the bottom of the ship, which is perfectly flat except for a conical recess in the middle, into which the principal anchor is hoisted.

Herbert Spencer was really of sociable disposition, a thoroughly clubbable man, says Mr. Hudson in the "Fortnightly" fond, when health permitted, of dining out; an admirable conversationalist and raconteur, with a capital sense of humour, and a keen eye for the fun of even little things. Though he rarely smoked, he had a cheerful tolerance of tobacco, and regarded with an indulgent eye "the good things of the table, including those of portable character." He liked fiction of a kind—Thackeray was his favourite novelist—and he was not above "Humphry Clinker," but anything like philosophy in novels and poetry he could not abide.

A certain thoughtful citizen of Canterbury once left moneys for the reparation of the shambles for strange butchers to occupy every market day, and for the paving of the street from St. Andrew to the Pillory that the people may go the cleaner thereto was the very humorous reason adjoined. Presents of personal clothing, suits of armour, and household effects were quite usual bequests. Some times the testator (says 'Good Words") desired his executors to find a man who for the good of his soul would go to Rome and the Holy Land. Such requests by no means rare, were sometimes ignored, but not forgotten, the heir passing them on to his successor.

According to the century "Magazine" a French deputy received the annual sum of nine thousand francs (1,800 dols.) he also receives free railway transportation, and free luncheons at the bar of the Palais Bourbon, where many a lawmaker spends more time than he does in the Salle des Seances. Some are accused of taking all their meals at the free-lunch counter. A deputy even gets, at reduced rates a special brand of cigar, which is called cigare de deputes; with these cigars he treats his influential constituents In spite of all these privileges, there have been many complaints that unless he has a large personal income a deputy cannot live decently therefore many members of Parliament, when they are not well-to-do, have to make up for the insufficiency of their pay by contributing to newspapers pleading in the courts.

To-day every French citizen, twenty-one years old, with a six months' residence, and not otherwise disqualified, has the right to vote. France is divided (says the "Century Magazine") into political districts called arrondisements, each of which is entitled to at least one deputy, and when its population is in excess of 100,000 is devided into two or more constituencies. The number of deputies thus grows or decreases with the movement of population. At every election period some districts gain a representative, while others lose one.

In the 'Technical Review' of Berlin it is reported that a plant has been discovered in South America containing a considerable quantity of saccharine matter which is not fermentable, and possessing an unusually strong saccharine taste. It is a herbaceous plant, and stands from 8in. to 12in. high. According to experiments made by the discoverer, the director of the Agricultural Institute at Asuncion this interesting plant is said to yield a sugar which is from twenty to thirty times as sweet as ordinary cane or beet sugar.

Many good stories are told of Sir Walter Parratt the Master of the King's Music. Here is one from the "Lady's Magazine" illustrative of his extraordinary memory. Some eight or ten men were assembled one evening in one of the lodgings attached to St. Michael's College, Tenbury. Sir Walter Parratt and Herrevon Holst played in turn upon the piano such music as was asked for.

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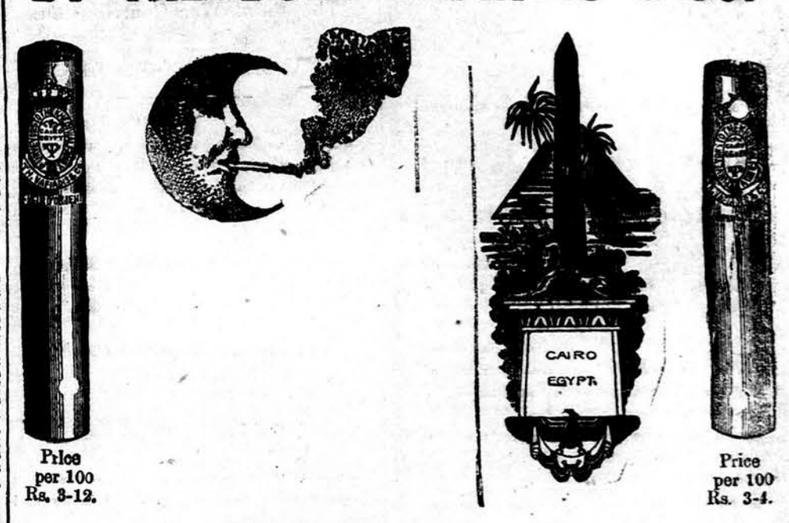

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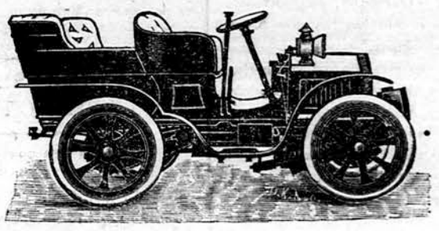

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WRITERS AND READERS.

After the 31st of January the Primrose Press, conducted at 108 Fleet Street, will be known as The Orient Press. The work of the firm will be mainly devoted to placing before the public a shilling series of small attractive versions of the great Oriental religions and literatures under the title of The Wisdom of the East. This series will comprise many rare and exquisite works of philosophy never before translated into English, thereby giving the general public an advantange hitherto only possessed by scholars. The first volume, ready January 31st, will be The Duties of the Heart, translated from the Arabic of Rabbi Bachye, with an introduction by Edwin Collins. No English version of this remarkable book has yet appeared. It will be followed at short intervals by The Sayings of Confucius, the Odes of Confucius, and the Sayings of the Brothers of Sincerity. The latter will contain an abstract of the teachings of this interesting sect, which flourished in Persia and Arabia in the 9th and 10th centuries, and will be edited with an introductoin by Dr. Paul Bronnle. The Indian religions and literatures will be generally edited by Dr. S. A. Kapadia, Secretary of the Northbrook Society.

Mr. T. Fisher Unwin is issuing in his Colonial Library a new novel by Mr Halliwell Sutcliffe, author of "Riecroft of Withens," etc. The title "Through Sorrow's Gates" was suggested by the lines: "Pass sorrow's gates and fare beyond; there's manhood wants you there." The scene is laid in the author's favourite country, the moors of the West Ridding, though in the present book he goes even further into the heart of the heath, nearer to that simplicity of feeling and passion which is the real mark of the moor folk. His characters spring from the moor, as it were, and grow out of it; and not least of these characters is Hester, the impulsive, erring farm lass, who dreamed wild dreams at Windy Farm, and saw herself supplanted by a little well-born woman rescued from the snow.

Pictures from "Punch" are being brought up to-date and reissued in an improved form. The collection comprises some 3,500 of the best of the pictures and sketches by all the artists that have been and are associated with Punch and will be completed in 24 monthly Numbers, price one shilling each. Many readers no doubt will be glad of the opportunity to possess this collection.

In the literary death-list of the year just closed there were two names of world-wide fame—Herbert Spencer and Theodor Mommsen. With these English and German names may be linked the French name of Gaston Paris, a scholar of European reputation and influence. England lost also Lecky, the eminent historian; W. E. Henley, perhaps the most individual of our later poets and literary critics, and altogether a picturesque figure in our recent literary history; Shorthouse, the author of John Inglesant. Besides Shorthouse, English fiction has sustained a serious loss in the premature and unexpected death of Mr. Seton-Merriman, the most uniformly successful of our recent story-tellers; and in Miss Edna Lyall, the most widely read of all our novelists, if the statistics of our libraries are to be accepted for test. These deaths have been followed in the last days of the year by that of Mr. George Gissing, who died at the early age of forty-six. Mr. Gissing's novels seldom made cheerful reading but they had the recommendation of sincerity and sound workmanship. Other losses in English fiction have been those of the veteran Mrs. Louisa Parr, Mr. McLaren Cobban, Mr. R. H. Savage, Mr. William Westall, and Mr. Fargeon, all successful purveyors of popular fiction.

The death list also included the names of the great Blowitz and of Mr. Leland, famous in all English-speaking countries as Hans Breitmann, whose very versatile talent never seemed to find any single quite adequate expression. Also those of Dr. Alexander Bain, a veteran of what used to be called mental and moral philosophy; Colonel Henderson the military historian of Stonewall Jackson; Mr. Joseph Skipsey the miner-poet; the fluent and florid Dean Farrar; Dean Bradley; Canon Moberly, a serious loss to theological literature; Dr. Birkbeck Hill, the great Johnsonian; Augustus Hare, one of the most fertile of the anecdote and reminiscence-mongers of an age but too productive in this kind; Professor Cowell, the onlie begetter of FitzGerald's Omar Professor Earle; Professor Ritchie; Silvan Evans, the Welsh lexicographer; the late Wardens of New College and Merton Gavan Duffy; Hugh Macmill Sir John Robinson and Julian Ralph and W. T. Maud, the war correspondents, Vanlam, The English man in Paris; Louis Fagan, the biographer of Panizzi and editor of his correspondence with Merrime; Edward Vizetelly; A. J. Hipkins, an authority on old music and musica instrumenta; Sir Joshua Fitch, the educationist; Dr. Playfair, Mrs. Sutherland Orr, the biographer and elucidator of Browning; and Mrs. E. T. Cook, a sadly premature death.

Besides Gaston Paris France lost, among other names tolerably familiar in England, Legouve, who had been an immortal for nearly half a century; Paul du Chaillu, the traveller and author of one of the most successful travel books ever written; Rollinat, the poet, and Max O'Rill, who almost belonged to ourselves. Germany besides Mommsen, Gustav von Moser, the playwright and Schmidt; Cabanis, the humorist of the comic paper, Ulk.

The year 1903, so far as a contemporary can judge, cannot be called a great year in poetry. The most picturesque incident was the almost coincident publication of the two antithetic volumes—Mr. Kipling's The Five Nations and Mr. Watson's For England. Mr. Watson at least speaks the language of poetry. The Laureate has given us his Flodden Field; Mr. Yeats, Plays for an Irish Theatre and his Flodden Field; Mr. Yeats, Plays for an Irish Theatre and In the Seven Woods, printed in his sister's new Irish press; Mr. Henley his automobile poem, Speed; and Mr. John Davidson The Knight of the Maypole. Mr. Zangwill on the eve of his marriage dropped into poetry, and Blind Children, this volume of his in verse, is full of originality and interest. Mr. Laurence Binyon's Death of Adam is a fine poem, and Mr. Masefield's Ballads have the touch of the real thing. Miss Ethel Clifford made a very successful debut with her Songs of Dreams; while Laurence Hope's Stars of the Desert repeats with somewhat weakened effect the charm of The Garden of Karma. Miss Lawrence Tadema had some pretty child song in her Songs of Womanhood. Old admirers have welcomed Mrs. Marriott Watson's reappearance in After Sunset; and Mrs. Clement Shorter's in As the Sparks Fly Upward. Vernon Lee gave us Ariadne in Mantua; Mr. Sturge Moore The Centaur's Booty and The Rout of the Amazons; Mr. Bliss Carman, The Pipes of Pan and From the Green Book of the Bards. Mr. Whitworth Wynne, the poet who soared Ad Astra on the backs of sandwich men has also published two volumes in the year—David and Bathshua and Songs of the Summer. Mr. Mackail has done the first eight Odysseys into the metre of Fitz-Gerald's Omars and Mr. Bertram Dobell has discovered and resuscitated a seventeenth-century poet, Thomas Traherne.

Miss Mary Johnston's long-expected novel "Sir Mortimer" will be published in the course of the New Year. The delay in its appearance has been due to a serious illness which compelled Miss Johnston wholly to abstain for an extended period from all literary work.

Towards the completion by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. of their issue of Dicken's novels, one volume, containing "Great Expectations" and "Hard Times," is to appear this month, leaving "Our Mutual Friend," "The Uncommercial Traveller," "Edwin Drood," "Christmas Stories," and "Reprinted Pieces" to complete this excellent edition. Eight years must elapse before the concluding volume can be published.

Professor D. H. Muller, of Vienna, will shortly publish through Messrs. A. Holder, of that city, a monograph on the famous code of laws enacted by Khammurabi, King of Babylon, about B.C. 2200. The work will contain a transliteration of the Babylonian text into Roman characters and a very valuable rendering in Hebrew, which will illustrate the ease with which the Babylonian original allows itself to take a northern Semitic dress. In a full commentary Professor Muller is going to discuss the relation of the Mosaic code to that of Khammurabi, and to compare the Babylonian document with the Twelve Tables.

The Council of the Geological Society have awarded the Wallaston Medal to Professor Albert Heim of Zurich, the author of the well-known work on the Mechanics of Mountain Structure and of other memoirs on the Alps and their glaciers. The Murchison Medal has been awarded to Professor G. A. Lebour, of the Durham College of Science, Newcastle, upon Tyne, who has written much on the geology of the carboniferous system in the north of England, and the Lyell Medal to Dr. A. C. Nathorst, keeper of the Department of Possil Plants in the State Museum of Sweden, who is universally recognised as a leading authority on fossil botany, and on more than one kindred subject in geology.

A Plant has been discovered in South America which promises to take the place of both sugar-cane and sugar-beet.

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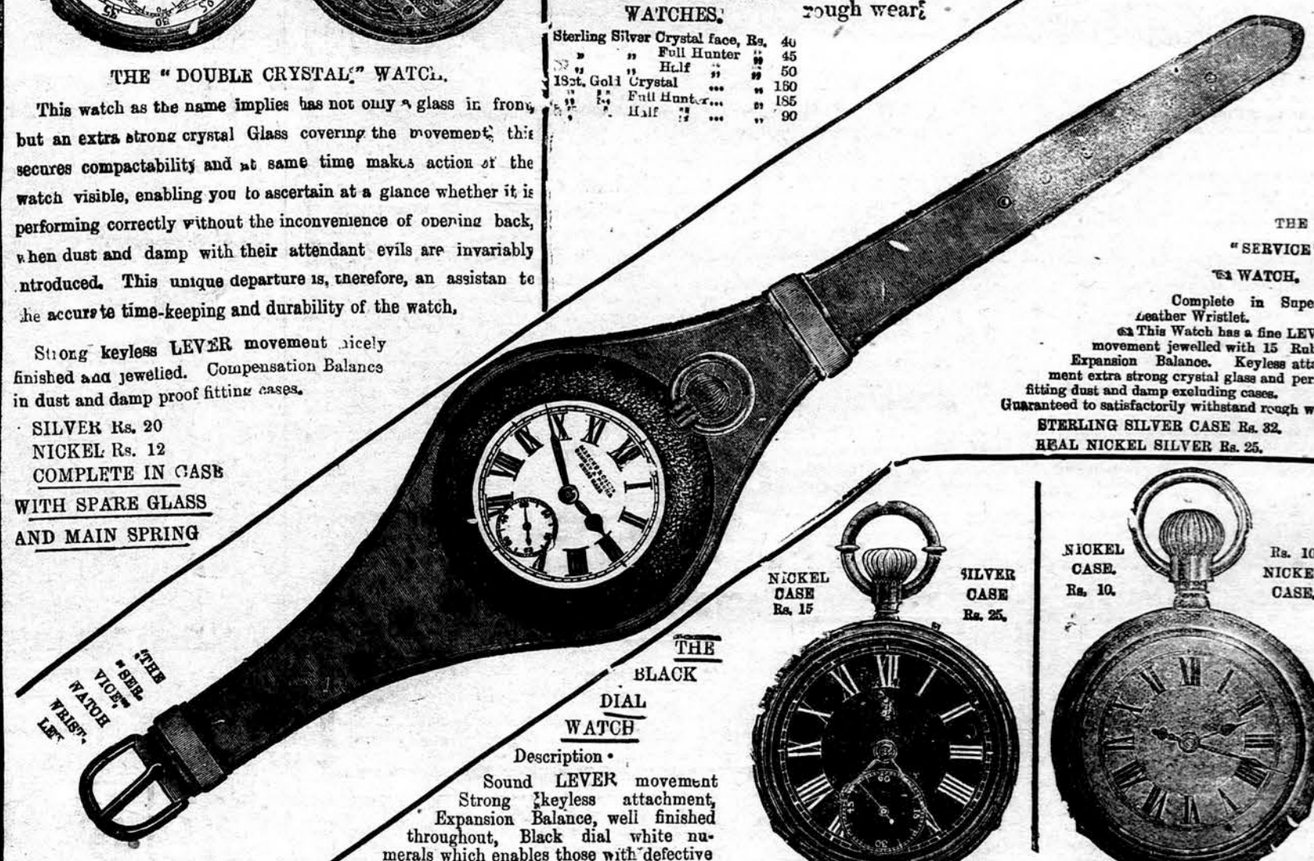

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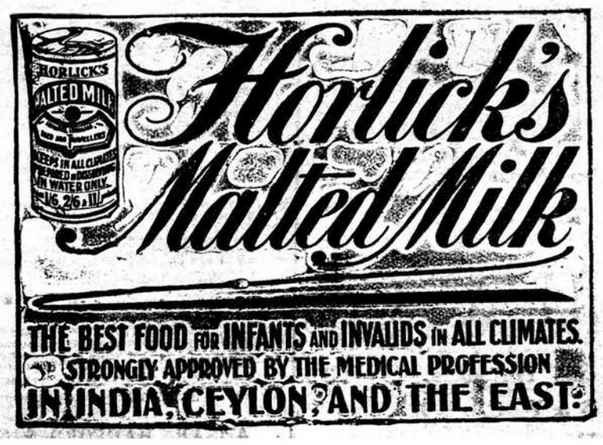

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